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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 27th, 8 PM,
at the 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

B&F. Minutes stand as published. Reviewed 2004 fall bond issues. Some discussion of county's bond debt. Discussion of BUDG/EDUC committee collaboration on next year's budget.

EDUC. Reviewed minutes

COAF. Minutes stand as published. No meeting in October or November

ENVR. Correction to minutes, Stratford Landing was at meeting.

HHS. Reviewed minutes. Pointed out new "Current Council Issues" on MVCCA web site.

PLZ. Minutes stand as published. Four resolutions

PSAF. Minutes stand as published. Dallas absent.

TRANS. Minutes stand as published. Frank absent.

Resolutions

ENVR. "Illegal Bulldozing of Resource Protection Area" (behind Michael's) Passed 20-0-0.

Nominating Committee 2004:

Diane Fraser, Tom Hook, John Skudlarek, Neal McBride, Dave Bolte. Nominations for co-chair, secretary, and treasurer should be submitted to a nominating committee member. Contact directly or through Dave Bolte (703) 765-0129. Nominations are for the year 2005. Nominations will be published in October and voted on in November.

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BUDG. 2004 Bond Resolution 19-0-0

P&Z, Gunston Commerce Center (MV011) 19-0-0

P&Z, Gunston Commerce Center (MV020) 15-3-1

P&Z, OTPA Lorton Valley. 18-0-1

P&Z, Potomac Homes. 19-0-0

Member/President Time

Discussion by **Neal McBride** on the Lorton Arts Foundation

Stratford Landing invited everyone to their candidate's night on October 28 at 9PM at Stratford Landing School.

Supervisor's Time

Discussed Part 150 study. Recommendations have been made to the COG to go on to FAA: 1) disperse aircraft between 5 & 10 mile point; 2) Go to center of Potomac to National rather than cut across MV district.

Guest Speaker

Gerry Gordon of Fairfax Economic Development Authority. Talked about the South County area being a drain on county services due to a lack of new businesses, which means more taxes. Talked about the project taking off in Springfield to draw in medical research data repositories.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee did not meet this month. However, next month on Wednesday, November 3rd we will have guest speakers **Barbara Emerson**, Fairfax County Budget Specialist and **Marcia Wilds**, Fairfax County Revenue Specialist. This is a very special meeting. It should not be missed by anyone interested in the Fairfax County Budget and its progress based on the most current data available. We will meet at our usual location and time: the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There will not be a meeting in November because of the elections.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee, in lieu of its usual meeting, participated in the Cluster 4 (West Potomac and Mount Vernon Pyramids) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, held at 7 pm on October 6, 2004, in the Knowles Lecture Hall at Whitman Middle School. Due to the nature of the meeting, no attendance was taken.

Dr. Jack Dale, new Superintendent of FCPS, was the featured speaker and was introduced by Dan Storck, School Board member from Mount Vernon District. School Board members Brad Center (Lee) and Janet Oleszek (At-Large) also attended, as did Supervisors Gerry Hyland and Dana Kauffman.

Dr. Dale described his background and, in broad terms, outlined his goals to continue Fairfax's tradition of excellence. He noted that he is still in the learning stage in his new position, indicating that Dan Storck, very soon after his arrival, had taken him on a 3-4 hour car tour of our area, and that he intends to attend PAC meetings in each cluster this fall. One of his goals is also to establish a collegial working relationship with both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors and, to that end, at Gerry Hyland's behest, he has met with the Board of Supervisors to exchange views and hopefully reduce the level of acrimony which has sometimes existed among the two boards and the superintendent.

One of the initiatives Dr. Dale particularly highlighted was a pilot program, to begin this year, for George Mason University, NOVA, and possibly other Virginia colleges to grant transcript credit for AP, IB and other classes in FCPS. Of course, virtually every college in the country grants college credit for IB and AP courses but the requirements vary widely as to score required, courses eligible, etc. and no credit is generally available for courses (such as some technology courses) which are not AP or IB. The difference here is that the participating colleges would issue transcripts reflecting the credit, irrespective of enrollment, so that other colleges would accept the credit as a transfer credit (much like courses students may take elsewhere during summers and transfer back to their own colleges). This should lead to greater uniformity and enable students to leave high school with more credits, or even an associate's degree, and thus save time and tuition money. The program also dovetails with Gov. Warner's similar push to make the final high school years more meaningful (and thus more interesting and important) irrespective of students' post-high school plans. It may also relieve the anticipated circa 2009 college application "bulge" when too many students will be chasing too few slots based on current capacity.

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Dr. Dale also briefly touched on goals for middle school to include both increased afterschool activities and an effort to extend into the middle schools some additional “academy-like” opportunities. Both efforts are designed particularly to reach those children who seem to lose interest in traditional academics, need more hands-on practical learning to retain focus and motivation and/or are at risk for developing dangerous behaviors.

On other matters, the Committee’s September 8, 2004, Resolution regarding potential sale of surplus school property was inadvertently not printed in the September RECORD and therefore not considered by the membership. It is printed elsewhere in this RECORD for consideration at the October general meeting.

Andy Hawkins, FCPS Budget Director, will be the speaker at the November meeting. His presentation will focus on the budget process itself and should provide insight on inputs, timelines and assumptions in order to better understand the final budget document, determine the most effective way to have input and to present information to the community.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2004, 8 pm in the Whitman MS library

Speaker: Andy Hawkins, FCPS Budget Director

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met on Oct. 6, 7:30 PM in Room E-114 Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Zephyr, Potomac Valley /River Bend, Riverside Estates (6), Springbank, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton (3), Wessynton Marine Assn, Woodland Park, Woodlawn Manor, Michael Lucas of the Fairfax County Police Dept. and Supervisor Gerry Hyland

The committee heard from Supervisor Gerry Hyland about **hunting in Little Hunting Creek**. This issue, reported in the Sept. 30 issue of the Mt Vernon *Gazette*, brought out an array of people from Stratford Landing, Riverside Estates and Wessynton subdivisions. Most of Fairfax County is an exclusionary zone that prohibits hunting and discharge of a weapon. Current Fairfax County Ordinance is believed to apply to this specific area where the duck hunting occurred. The permitting for four duck blinds and use of one blind in Little Hunting Creek provoked a firestorm of protest from persons objecting to the lack of common sense exhibited by the hunter. These persons wanted to know what could be done that this unsafe situation does not occur again.

The hunter, in the meantime, has disassembled the blind and requests that he be reasonably compensated and relocated. The legal hunting areas are regulated by the Inland Game and Fisheries Agency (IGFA) in Virginia. The Little Hunting Creek area that is covered by State waters is an allowable area. Attendees of the meeting believe Little Hunting Creek waters have been overlooked, for the moment, for exclusion from hunting and weapons discharging for safety, close proximity and population density factors. At issue is that the state allows other municipalities and counties to regulate unsuitable areas within their borders for hunting and discharging of weapons. Although Fairfax County land surrounding Little Hunting Creek has been excluded, the state regulates the water area **in** Little Hunting Creek currently is “hunnable”.

Several different ways were discussed to remedy this situation. 1) Current state code Section 50-109 addresses excluding firearms discharge and Section 110 deals with excluding hunting. Requesting that Little Hunting Creek be included in a state exclusionary area would be the simplest way to rectify a dangerous situation. 2) That Little Hunting Creek is actually and already part of the exclusionary zone in Fairfax County and is consistent with State statute allowing locals to determine the area 3) Develop new county ordinance specifying that Little Hunting Creek be included in the exclusionary zone determined by Fairfax County.

If Little Hunting Creek experiences any more hunting this season, the resulting situation could provoke conflict between the County and State.

The committee reviewed the **Little Hunting Creek Watershed Plan**. It is noted that, with \$500,000 available immediately, **implementation of this plan only lacks project managers to conduct implementation.**

Next meeting” Wednesday, November 3, Room E-114, 7:30 PM, Mt Vernon High School

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met Oct. 5 with 10 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Randall Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor, and Wessynton.

Emergency assistance—food, shelter, healthcare—in Mount Vernon/Region I

Building on our September discussion with two professionals who have long experience in matching needs with services in our area, the committee met with a trio of key participants in the local human

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service network. Two are the recently appointed executive directors for nonprofit provider agencies with a long record of service: United Community Ministries (UCM) and Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services (United Way/CFC #8199 and #8317, respectively). The third is Team Leader for the county's coordinated response to calls for assistance. The committee looked to all three guest resources for their sense of the "pressure points" in the local network of services that meet temporary emergency needs.

When someone in our area seeks help, the process of finding it often begins with a call to a single county telephone number: 703 222-0880.

The call is routed back to our Region I multi-lingual team of "resource specialists," based at South County Center. Kathryn Van Curen, Social Work Supervisor for the county's Coordinated Services Planning, explained how team members track available resources (both public and nonprofit providers, each with varied requirements for eligibility) and work to match clients with a resource that can provide what they need. Providing access, service integration, and community involvement is the team task. A single client often needs referral to several kinds of programs, such as family enrollment for primary health care at South County Health Center together with some immediate assistance for eviction prevention.

UCM Exec. Director Cheri Zeman described the role of this nonprofit agency—and others not present—in coordinating and managing available resources effectively, eliminating "cheaters and repeaters," while leveraging public contracts for providing services with significant private contributions. However, the events of 9-11-01, and the aftershocks locally, intensified all categories of need and, she emphasized, that trend continues today: locally, UCM requests for food were up by 500 people in July 2004 over July 2003; the wait list for shelter is now 6 months, while rising rents and diminishing supply of rental units are straining all programs for "eviction prevention"; the South County clinic for affordable health care succeeded in eliminating a long wait list for enrollment, but eligibility rules have been accompanied by much hardship among those not eligible (such as those covered under Medicare, who often cannot afford essential prescription medications or important dental care).

Good Shepherd Exec. Director Shannon Steene pointed to the growing gap between local need for affordable housing and the marketplace (rapidly rising prices/declining stock of units). Good Shepherd Housing has 75 units of housing where applicants with "credit risk" (including many elderly or disabled) can rent under their sponsorship while building credit; other programs include "credit repair" classes and limited emergency assistance (not more than once in a 12-month period) for prevention of eviction, mortgage foreclosure, or utility cut-off. His staff and volunteers are juggling a growing number of requests (476 served in the current year) and a rise in scale of aid needed to deal with even one temporary emergency situation. More dollars and volunteers are required, to do more.

All three guests urged that we recognize this as a "community" problem, involving growing numbers of working families who earn low wages in local service jobs, struggle with escalating housing costs that may cause them to seek out food banks and depend upon school lunch programs, and live "one paycheck away from an emergency" (often a medical one). As we learned in September, the county has vast and growing numbers of employed residents with no health insurance (now 82,000), with 1 in 4 residents living below the federal "200% of poverty" income level and 1 in 7 seeking emergency aid in some form during the year.

Mount Vernon Hospital's uncertain future

[MVCCA has stated its position in two Resolutions, "Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital," July 2003, and "Public Support for the Southeast Health Planning Task Force Recommendation," July 2004, MVCCA Record, on our 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 District web page provides Hospital news that links to the full 4-page "Report of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force to the Community and the Trustees of the Inova Health System, March 1, 2004." On Aug. 26, MVCCA sent a letter to Inova's CEO and 2 Boards, transmitting our unanimous support for the Task Force Recommendation (as expressed in our July 2004 Resolution). The full MVCCA letter and Resolution is posted on our public web site, together with Inova's Oct. 6 reply described below.]

Inova's President/CEO has now acknowledged, on behalf of himself and the chairs of the two Boards of Trustees for Inova Health System and Inova Health Care Services, the MVCCA letter that transmits our full support for the 4-point Task Force Recommendation and urges specific Inova public actions and commitments "to achieve a solid basis for public trust, constructive public dialogue, and ongoing public support during their planning process." Inova's letter (1) expresses appreciation for "the work of the Task Force that was organized by Inova, as well as the input of the MVCCA, elected officials, physicians and other community leaders"; (2) specifies the near-term "significant" projects completed and investments committed for the Hospital; and (3) cites Hospital improvements "in many dimensions of performance," such as "patient satisfaction with services" and monthly rate of "the financial loss" reduced by "about half" from a previous "projected level." [Ed. note: During 2003, Inova projected a \$12 million/yr loss at the Hospital, implied in their letter to MVCCA, and cited elsewhere. This projected level has proved to be much higher than any actual statement of loss at year's end. Inova estimates the rate of loss, now, as "about half" of \$1 million/month.] However, (4) for an answer to MVCCA's request on behalf of the public—for specific Inova actions and commitments in public by which Inova can achieve a solid basis for public trust in whatever long-term strategy they will choose—the MVCCA and the community must apparently wait until "the end of the year." The Inova CEO's letter states:

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Our strategic planning process has focused on the southeastern part of Fairfax County in an effort to develop and enhance quality health care services for the residents of that area... We continue to consider the best long-term approach to meet the future healthcare needs in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. We expect to make those recommendations as part of the Inova planning and budget cycles that will be presented to our Boards for approval by the end of the year. I know that Susan Herbert, Pat Walters, and Jim Scott participate in a number of community forums in the Mount Vernon area so I have asked them to continue to keep you advised through those mechanisms of our progress.

The Inova letter makes no reference to the widely supported 4-point Recommendation of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force. Your H/HS reps (inc. Chair Louise Cleveland, who is also an SEHP Task Force member) continue to welcome your ideas on next steps.

Community meetings—open to the public

Thursday, Nov. 4, MVCCA Health and Human Services

Committee, meets 7:30 p.m., IMVH Conf. Room C. H/HS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151. *(Please note change from Election Tuesday to Thursday.)*

Wednesday, Nov. 17, Community Lunch Series focuses on "Housing Resources," noon-1:30 p.m., South County Center. Information: 703/704-6700

Tuesday, Nov. 30, Route One Task Force for Human Services plans a "Pot Pourri" format, an information exchange among local service providers, with Deputy County Executive Verdia Haywood and Supervisor Gerry Hyland participating, 7 p.m., South County Center 2nd flr Conference Room, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

Thursday, Dec. 2, Southeast Health Planning Task Force holds its next scheduled meeting, 7 p.m. South County Center. Chair Anne Andrews, 703/780-1773.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on October 4, 2004, was attended by 16 associations: Bellehaven Terrace, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlin Forest/ Marlan Heights, Montebello, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley/River Bend Estates, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 7:30 pm at Walt Whitman Intermediate School.

The committee heard five land use cases, four of which were for information, and one other matter. The committee passed two resolutions. The four matters for information were the Springhill Senior Campus, where the 80-unit building for senior housing will be destroyed and two smaller buildings will be built instead; John Thillman's 270 unit proposal for the site at Buckman Road and Richmond Highway; John Haas's proposal for the former Groveton

School site that would provide sixty-eight dwelling units per acre, and Jefferson at King's Crossing, a preliminary development plan for the area where Michael's and Chuckie Cheese is located.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor and Wellington..

The Chair began the meeting with a review of the action of the MVCCA Council in July concerning the resolution entitled 'Distracted Motor Vehicle Drivers.' That was followed by a discussion of the actions of the Public Safety Committee in September and the Transportation Committee at their September and October meetings. Copies from the internet of the issue of cell phone use and hands free cell phone use studies were also available for review. The District of Columbia regulation banning the use of hands free cell phones by drivers, but while permitting the use of hands free devices was provided again.

The Chair provided copies of the resolution as passed by the Public Safety Committee and slightly modified by the Transportation Committee. That modification was to delete the slash mark in '...hand-held/portable electronic devices....' wherever it appeared in the resolution. The resolution passed in that committee 23 for, one opposed, with one abstention.

The Public Safety Committee then had a rather long review of the resolution and the issues involved. The intent of the resolution was confirmed as it stood except of the same phrase that the Transportation Committee revised. While they had no problem with that revision, the concern was that the phrase itself was too broad. The committee agree that it should be changed to '...mobile telephones....' and include a definition of that in the third 'Whereas....' This was done. The Committee passed the resolution again eight for, one opposed, with one abstention. The revised resolution was communicated to the chair of the Transportation Committee who has no objection to the change.

The Chair provided an update on the changes to the Fire Marshall's Code for Fairfax County. Last month, Assistant Fire Marshall Lauler indicated that they hoped to have changes to the International Code 2000 submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their September 26 meeting. The Chair called the Fire Marshall, Capt. Tennant, and learned that the County Attorney's Office had some concerns about the changes. These were under review by the two offices. The Fire Marshall now hopes to have them ready for the Board in January.

The Chair then provided a review of the status of the resolutions concerning traffic court, animal shelter, and small motorized vehicles. A paper prepared by Judge Cassidy concerning the new penalties of

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DUI conviction was reviewed. The chair will provide copies at the next meeting.

The Committee then reviewed items for the next meetings. These include pedestrian crosswalks, the impact of the changes to false alarm registration and fees, water quality, and gangs

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

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on October 4, 2004, at 8 PM in the Whitman Middle School Media Center. Attending were Errol Bergsagel, Co-Chair MVCCA and 23 representatives of MVCCA member organizations: (Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Fair Haven, Gum Springs, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac, Southwood, Spring Bank, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor) and one interested citizen.

A presentation by Bob Brubaker of Safe Crossing, on Walkable Communities Workshop had to be postponed due to equipment failure. It will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

A resolution proposed by the Westgrove Community for a trail along Fort Hunt Road, between Wake Forest Drive and Belle View Boulevard, as printed elsewhere in the Record, was passed by the Committee with a vote of 23 For and 1 Against, 0 Abstentions. A Resolution submitted by the Public Safety Committee on Distracted Motor Vehicle Drivers was supported by the Transportation Committee in a vote of 21 For and 3 Against, 0 Abstentions.

The Committee was advised on objections voiced by some commuters that there was a blanket parking prohibition, except for residents and their guests, in the vicinity of the Huntington Metro stop. It was noted that in other jurisdictions the prohibition provided a 2 or 3 hour parking option for non-residents. The representative from the affected community advised that commercial considerations in other jurisdictions required the exemption; however, there are no such commercial establishments near the Huntington Metro stop. Visitors can receive Parking Passes from respective home owners. Parking Tickets are usually only issued upon a home owner's complaint.

The communities along Morningside Drive, which offers a connection between Fort Hunt Road and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, have requested the County to install traffic

calming device(s) to assure that the 25 MPH limit is maintained. Speeding has been prevalent where the road dips. The Supervisor intends to form a task force to consider this problem. The Committee recommends that accident statistics be requested by the community from the Police; also stealth-pad service can be requested to measure traffic volume and speed. Since there is no alternate route, diversion of traffic will not be considered.

The time extension of traffic restriction for southbound traffic on Fort Hunt at the Route #1 intersection was debated. There has been some unintended positive fallout; car thefts in the area are reduced since thieves have a more difficult time to escape the area. It was noted that the existing detour utilizing the Huntington Ave. access to Fort Hunt Road has been very successful and perhaps consideration might be given to making the arrangement permanent for both southbound and northbound traffic and thereby eliminating the jughandle as well as one existing traffic light. The Committee requested the presence of a Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project representative to be at the December meeting.

The conversion of the 9A bus line to a rapid REX line, effective near the end of September was discussed. The routing and stops are clearly explained on the website: www.fairfaxconnector.com. It should be noted that bus routes remain subject to change, based on monitoring.

The Committee noted the current actions towards establishing a Hot Lane on the Beltway between Springfield and Tyson's Corner. The State of Maryland is also considering a similar arrangement. The idea is that private contractors will pay for additional Beltway lanes which will then be used with a toll payment by those who opt to use these express lanes; HOV traffic will be offered these lanes free of charge. Payment will normally be with Easypass, however toll booth will still be needed for those without a pass. Appropriate signing should be installed well advance of these lanes to guide the traffic into proper lanes. Discussion revealed a Committee split of 14 for this idea and 7 opposed. The advantage appeared that private funding would make added lanes feasible, while those opposed objected that these roadways are public roads and all taxpayers should have equal access. In conjunction with this discussion the poor signing for the continuation of the Springfield-Franconia Parkway over Backlick Road was noted and the Chair was requested to surface this issue once more by inviting an appropriate VDOT representative to our January meeting.

The Chair was requested to ascertain if the November meeting could also encompass a joint presentation by VDOT to both the Transportation Committee and the Planning & Zoning Committee on the plans for the Kings Crossing Development.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 8 PM which is currently scheduled for the Multi-Media Center, Walt Whitman Middle School; changes in location and agenda to be announced.

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SE 2004-MV- 018, Petroleum Marketing Group, Citgo Service Station, 8158 Old Mount Vernon Road

WHEREAS, in July 2004 the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations previously approved this Citgo service station's desires to place a canopy over its gas pumps;

WHEREAS, Citgo wishes to open its station at 5 am rather than 6 am;

WHEREAS, the present neighbors do not object to this early opening;

WHEREAS, the lighting will be focused straight down in order not to shine in the windows of the new houses being built across the street;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this change in early morning hours.

Education Resolution

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board ("School Board"), at the suggestion of Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") is considering a possible sale of approximately 35.5 undeveloped acres of School Board-owned land located on Pohick Road in the Springfield District ("the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is considered saleable in that FCPS does not project a need for the Property for use as a school site in the reasonably foreseeable future and/or the Property in unsuitable for use as a school site ("Surplus"); and

WHEREAS, sale of the Property is expected to generate \$12 million (the "Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, the Proceeds would be added to the school construction fund and used to offset some of FCPS's unmet capital needs which currently exceed \$1.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the Proceeds would enable a number of school construction and renovation projects to proceed on an accelerated timeline, reducing reliance on trailers and resulting in cost savings as compared with the current schedule and expected inflation costs; and

WHEREAS, the School Board may own or control other parcels of real property which are Surplus and saleable

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, without intending to express an opinion on the merits of the proposed sale of the particular Property described above and in consideration of all of the above, approves in general the sale of School Board-owned real property subject to the following conditions:

1. That the property is found to be Surplus after appropriate review, study and public comment, and
2. That consideration be given to the nature of proposed development of any property so sold and the impact of proposed development on

neighboring schools, and

3. That all revenue generated by any such sale be placed in the school construction fund and used to accelerate planned capital construction and renovation, and

4. That appropriate safeguards are in place to assure fair and adequate consideration is received by FCPS as a result of any such sale.

RESOLUTION: Trail for East Side of Fort Hunt Road Between Wake Forest Drive and Belle View Boulevard

WHEREAS, the Westgrove Community has an excellent selection of environmental, recreational, commercial and educational attractions within a one-mile radius, and

WHEREAS, the current "path" on the west side of Fort Hunt Road is treacherous as a result of uneven and rocky terrain, thus excluding patrons with strollers, small children and older adults, and

WHEREAS, the accessibility of the current "path" on the west side of Fort Hunt Road from Wake Forest Drive is limited, dangerous or nonexistent, due to the fact that Fort Hunt Road is a heavily traveled arterial road with a large drainage ditch on the west side, and

WHEREAS, Fort Hunt Road does not currently have even a shoulder on the east side to allow for any pedestrian or cycling traffic, and

WHEREAS, as a result of unsafe walking or biking conditions, Fairfax County is required to allocate funds to bus children from the Westgrove Community to the Belle View Elementary School, which is approximately one-quarter mile away, and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority is beginning their master planning process in developing the Westgrove Plant Park, located between Wake Forest Drive and Belle View Boulevard.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Supervisor represent the residents of the Westgrove Community in an effort to install a trail on the east side of Fort Hunt Road, between Wake Forest Drive and Belle View Boulevard, to permit the pedestrians in their community to walk safely to the library, recreation center, park, school and shopping plaza, and that such installation be implemented prior to the opening of the new Westgrove Park.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2004 through October 14, 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	\$3,286	-\$1,414
Administrative	\$696	\$397	-\$299
Gala	\$2,750	\$2,702	\$-48
Web Site	\$540	\$420	-\$120
Knowles Plaque	\$0	\$1,148	\$1,148
Membership	\$75	\$0	-\$75
Postage	\$480	\$300	-\$180
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,241	\$8,253	-\$988
Balance Ending Period		\$4,295.64	

¹Includes balance forward of \$440.00

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

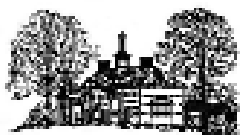
COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2004

**MVCCA Board-MVGC-SUPV
Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00 pm**

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
11/4 Th 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
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11/3 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS CR	George Bauer	703.768.1774
11/3 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
11/3 W 7:30	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
11/4 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
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