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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 21st at the Walt Whitman Middle School

Jack Knowles Lecture Hall (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE)

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 23, 2004 (due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

ATTENDANCE: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, River Towers, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North. (Although the following may have attended, the cards were not annotated to show date: Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Berkshire Homeowners, Briary Farms Townhouse, Collingwood Springs.)

The Council was called to order at 8:00 PM, Errol Bergsagel presiding. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were reviewed and accepted into the record. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted into the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Budget and Finance Chair drew attention to the contents of the Committee report with focus on County Management, real estate usage, car tax revenues formula, a meal tax referendum, and real estate tax relief, reiterating that there is important information in the Budget and Finance Report. Consumer Affairs did not meet in November but anticipates meeting December 7th. The Education Committee Chair reported on school system budgeting and plans to improved its development, as described in the report, and the proposal to construct a new schools system office building. Environment and Recreation's report was accepted without comment. The Health and Human Services Chair drew attention to major points contained in the Committee report. Planning and Zoning Vice Chair affirmed the completeness of the Committee report, announcing that he would replace Chair Diane Donley, temporarily until her return. The Public Safety Report was accepted. The representative to the Federation reported on effort to obtain the Superintendent of Schools as a speaker.

CO-CHAIRS:

Co-chair Rhoades announced that dues notices had been sent to member associations and could be viewed and downloaded from the MVCCA Website.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Committee chair appointments will be recommended to the Council at the December meeting, for approval. The committee chair appointments will be those shown in the listing, to the left on this page.

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RESOLUTIONS:

An E&R resolution on the Lorton Arts Center was approved 244/0/0 following strong endorsement by Neal McBride, Newington representative. Four Planning and Zoning Resolutions were approved: Sydenstricker Road, endorsing rezoning, 22/0/0; Handyman Concrete, endorsing the special exception application, 22/0/0; Madison Development in Groveton Heights, opposing the proposed rezoning; King's Crossing/Richmond Highway, opposing the out-of-turn plan amendment, as amended, 22/0/0. Public Safety Committee resolution, Distracted Motor Vehicle Drivers, approved 15/2/4.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The slate of nominees for co-chair: Errol Bergsagel, Al Bornmann, Mack Rhoades, and Treasurer: Phyllis Evans, was elected by acclamation, following withdrawal of Nominee David Dale in favor of his accepting the temporary chairship of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Susie Ellicott was announced as nominee for MVCCA Secretary and was approved by acclamation.

Neal McBride gave a detailed explanation of the Laurel Hill Development Site.

Eleanor Quigley, President, Wellington Heights, presented her successor, Todd Baker

Queenie Cox reported her membership on the County Solid Waste Management Task Force.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet this month. Our next meeting will be in February as listed below. Our budget review process will begin on February 21st when the Proposed FY 2006 Fairfax County Budget is made available. Gerry Hyland and Tony Griffin have gain agreed to meet with us in March and we wish to call these informative meetings to your attention as all members of dues paying MVCCA civic associations are encouraged to attend.

Schedule of meetings for our committee:

Date	Time	Topic / Speaker	Location (Walt Whitman Middle School)
Feb 2	7:30 pm	Tax Relief	Conference Room
Feb 28	7:30 pm	Budget Delivered	Tentative, Conference Room
Feb 22	8:00 pm	School Budget Andy Hawkins	Library, Tentative with Education Committee
Mar 1	7:30 pm	Gerry Hyland	Conference Room
Mar 2	7:00 pm	Tony Griffin	Conference Room
Mar 4th	7:30 pm	Board Input	Conference Room
Mar 8th	7:30 pm	Resolution Prep.	Conference Room

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

A nice small "cozy" group of members from the Consumer Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, December 7th at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center (Parkers Lane). We welcomed our newest member from Stratford Landing. The Committee discussed a list of topics to schedule during the first half of the year. To "beef up" attendance at the meetings, we will be placing flyers in certain locations such as the libraries, grocery stores and during the general

council meetings. We are appealing to the Presidents to send a rep to the Committee meetings.

Just to give you a flavor of topics, instead of meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, we will be sharing our guest speaker, Cal Wagner, with the Council on Wednesday, January 26, 2005. Mr. Wagner is the County's liaison for homeowners associations. Mr. Wagner has a monthly TV show with guest speakers discussing topics related to homeowners/condominium associations issues on Channel 16. Mr. Wagner was originally scheduled on November 2nd but we postponed the meeting because it was election night. Because of requests to repeat Identity Theft, we plan to have a guest speaker for that topic on February 8, 2005. Other topics will be Misleading Advertisements for Gutters; Living Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning; and Independent Living—Options for Staying in Your Home. Check the *Record* for dates and location because video equipment may be required; so the location may change.

There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 because we are using January 26, 2005 as our meeting date for January. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. Topic will be Identity Theft. Location: TBD—check the January 2005 Record.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on December 1, 2004, in the library at Whitman Middle School. The following associations were represented: Newington Forest, Waynewood, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Mt. Vernon Farms, Williamsburg Manor North, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Potomac Valley, Stratford on the Potomac and Randall Estates. Co-chair Al Bornmann also attended, as did several members of the Budget and Finance committee.

The main speaker for the meeting was School Board member Dan Storck but before his presentation, Neil McBride gave a brief update on school boundary issues affecting the new South County secondary school.

McBride indicated that staff will make a final attendance area recommendation in mid-December. However, the process has become more contentious due to the fact the new school will remain a secondary school (grades 7-12) longer than anticipated (perhaps until 2018) so that some neighborhoods who expected to go to the new school will be disappointed. The new school is built to hold 2500 as a high school but has a smaller capacity as a secondary school and, in any event, due to area growth the projected attendance from the anticipated elementary schools is over 4000. McBride said he felt staff had done a fair and thorough job under the circumstances and will report back on the final decision. Although the West Potomac and Mount Vernon Pyramids are not directly involved as yet, south county and Ft. Belvoir growth may soon have an impact, and possibly result in some boundary changes.

Storck and the committee discussed the School Board's plan for consolidating over a dozen scattered administrative offices into two new buildings, one existing and one to be built, with financing through Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) bonds, to be paid from the school system operating budget with funds currently expended for leased space, excessive maintenance costs, travel and telecommunication costs. The Chair

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circulated a copy of the business model created by school staff in conjunction with county staff which demonstrated that the project would at least pay for itself and could generate significant savings from staff reductions and other efficiencies. School properties vacated would be, after appropriate hearing, be returned to school use after renovation, returned to the County for other public use, or possibly sold, which would add to funds available for school construction and renovation.

The committee agreed that the current situation is inefficient for both staff and public and costly given lease and travel expense, high maintenance and renovation/update costs of the old school buildings, and the need to duplicate support staff. The concerns were essentially fourfold: (1) Is the business model appropriate and correct; (2) Will the issuance of the FCEDA bonds adversely affect the County's debt ratio and thus its bond rating; (3) Will the office construction reduce in any way the funds available for school construction or academic programs, and (4) What will become of the vacated properties and any others deemed surplus?

As to (1) the business model, the committee was satisfied that school and county staff had carefully and conservatively run the numbers using real data and that it showed the consolidation would be at worst cost-neutral and would probably save significant funds apart from the clear benefits of increased office efficiency for staff and public.

Similarly, as to the bond rating/debt ratio concerns in (2) it was pointed out that the FCEDA bonds are not a general obligation of the County and should not affect its bonding capacity but that, even they were considered it would be a miniscule portion. Similarly, the County's bond rating would not be affected.

Effect on school construction, (3) above, was both a matter of perception and reality. Given the fact that available construction/renovation funds are currently grossly inadequate to meet classroom needs, it seems inappropriate to build new offices and, indeed, that is the reason the system had not consolidated sooner despite public studies demonstrating the desirability of consolidation. New opportunities and financing options have now made it possible. Thus, the reality is that, if the status quo is maintained, not one additional dollar will go in the Capital Construction fund nor will one child move out of a trailer, but the school system will continue throwing money away on leases, travel and other costs and on old, valueless buildings which require more staff, more maintenance and actually "divert" school bond money when capital repairs are unavoidable. Moreover, if any vacated properties are sold, additional construction funds would be provided. Under the business model in (1), this can be accomplished without using any funds other than those currently going to support the scattered offices and thus will not impact any other part of the school budget.

Finally, as to issue (4) the committee was satisfied that the School Board will establish an open public process to determine the best use and disposition of any vacated properties and any other properties which may be considered surplus.

Since timing of the Board of Supervisors vote on the project did not permit Council vote, the committee passed its own resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the consolidation plan and the financing, and also asking the School Board, in consultation with the

Board of Supervisors and with public notice and comment, to move expeditiously to determine the best use and disposition of vacated properties and any other school properties deemed surplus. After consultation with the Co-Chairs, who joined in the committee's action, the committee resolution was forwarded to Gerry Hyland and to Dan Storck.

Storck also spoke briefly on other local school issues, especially the need to improve communication, involve parents and citizens in school improvement processes, and to direct resources where they are needed most. In response to committee concerns, Storck also stated that cluster offices would not be consolidated since their purpose is to work closely and on a daily basis with local schools.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2004, 8 pm,
Whitman MS Library

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met Dec 1, 7:30 PM
Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School. Attending:

The Committee was given information on the **Fall Canker Worm Program** by Urban Forestry of the Fairfax County Dept of Public Works and Environmental Services. Information about infestations of female Canker Worms is now being collected in our area. In Springtime, you would recognize these worms as the "green inch worm". The female canker worms, at this time having no wings, climb to the top of trees and "party" with the male canker worms, who got there because of their wings. The females lay their eggs and next spring one will notice the "green inch worms" descending from the trees and then proceed to defoliate and destroy the trees.

The Committee discussed the **Kings Crossing Proposal** put forth by JPI (developers of Archon Corp, Dallas TX) The current plan was brought to the Spring Bank CA, recently. The plan calls for approximately 720 condominium units, 15% retail/ commercial and about 40 townhouses in the rear of the property. Other proposed office buildings were placed at properties where the current Wendy's, Ernie's and Pizza Hut now stand.

Environmentally, the community asked for Low Impact Development (LID) on site and incorporated into the plan. The developer said it would be included in the "details". The community expressed that it should be incorporated into the "plan" and not left out, as has been the case with many other development plans. There was no discussion about the County environmental restrictions in the Resource Protection Area (RPA) (which the developer illegally bulldozed and has just missed the MVCCA requested deadline for restoration) There was also no discussion about any Storm Water Management.

The Spring Bank Community gave other numerous ways to improve the development plan proposal. The designer of the current plan was said to not be keen of many of the ideas.

The Committee agrees that no environmental waivers for storm water quantity/ quality should be granted and that predetermined feasible LIDs should be required to obtain any Rezoning and/or Out of Turn Plan Amendment.

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The committee requested the chair investigate the County's intended actions for missing the deadline for RPA restoration. In October 2004 the MVCCA passed a resolution for invoking Violations and Penalties under County Code Chapters 102 and 118. The fines could be up to \$5000.00 a day.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met Dec. 7 with 10 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Mount Zephyr, Spring Bank, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, Wessington, William Randall Estates, Williamsburg Manor.

How can neighborhoods better prepare for emergencies?

Two guest resources brought extensive and complementary expertise to our committee discussion on emergency preparedness: Debbie Vanderbeek, who manages the South Fairfax/Fort Belvoir Service Center of the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, and Anne Rieger, Administrator for Clinical Operations and Chief Nurse Executive for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

No one in our "high risk" area likes to be reminded to "expect the unexpected" in potential local and regional emergencies, seemingly of ever-broadening scope. We know that weather, accidents, system failures, and deliberate attacks can bring down power and water treatment systems, halt most transportation and communication, and spread real or rumored chemical and biological threats to community health and safety. What we need to remember is that simple, basic household preparation, which enables individuals to think clearly and "take care of yourself first," is a cornerstone of community capacity for effective "first response." Preparation builds neighborhoods where most are able to "shelter in place" safely for a reasonable period and some may also identify and assist others nearby who are especially vulnerable. Such neighborhoods extend the capacity of our health and safety professionals and service agencies to coordinate and focus crucial specialized resources where they are most needed and effective.

Vanderbeek explained some resources for Community Disaster Education which the Red Cross is eager to provide for interested community groups: trained presenters will come with slides, brochure hand-outs, and a willingness to answer everyone's questions. For information, call the office located in Fort Belvoir, 703-805-2057. A brochure titled "5 Actions for Emergency Preparedness" directs attention to key items that can be decided, or learned, or assembled, or done in advance: sample copies will be available at the General Council meeting. This brochure will help you assemble, for example, a multi-use supply kit for your home and one for your car or workplace. In addition, the regional web site, www.redcrossnca.org, has free "Publications" (16 downloadable "disaster fact sheets" with info on practical matters such as storing food and water) and an "On-line Store" (first aid kits and other safety items, for sale at reasonable cost). Community groups of 12 or more persons may also be interested in scheduling Red Cross training for First Aid or CPR.

Rieger explained that our region has developed a high level of coordinated planning for medical emergencies. Inova hospitals and healthplex emergency facilities participate in the 12-hospital Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance that formed after Sept. 11,

2001, to agree on emergency procedures, to develop a MedCom radio communications system that functions independently of other systems, and to apply for federal grants for expensive specialized equipment and supplies. (NVHA has obtained roughly \$5 million in federal grants, so far, with about \$650,000 going to Inova in one year for supplies; this paid part, but not all, of the cost of equipping each hospital; the Alliance is seeking additional millions.) Inova Health System also holds systemwide monthly meetings of an All Hazards Disaster Preparedness Task Force. Mount Vernon Hospital (like each Inova hospital) has developed detailed plans for classifying a disaster situation, alerting and mobilizing staff, and communicating with families, as well as coordinating with other medical facilities and sources of supplies. Mount Vernon Hospital now has in place costly decontamination showers and suits for trained personnel to use for chemical, bio, and radiation hazards, so that victims can be decontaminated before entering the hospital for further treatment. Other disaster-response supplies, such as vaccines and antidotes, are stockpiled in several locations, with plans for transporting them quickly where needed. Regional disaster planning drills, conducted periodically, continue to provide insight into potential gaps and stimulate refinements to plans.

In any planning, whether by households or hospital alliance, communication and transportation issues are especially difficult. The Fairfax County Emergency Operation Center is planning a additional information resource, a telephone line for information (211), to be separate from the one for reporting emergencies (911). Soon, a new community emergency alert network, or CEAN, will be able to send cell phone messages to those who register their number for this service. Meanwhile, some potentially useful household preparations are not especially high-tech: (1) agree on one emergency contact person who is outside your local phone area, and (2) get a battery-powered (or wind-up) radio!

Rieger and Vanderbeek agree that, during a community emergency, a good rule of thumb for citizens is to be prepared to "shelter" at home for at least 3 days, listen to local broadcast media for instructions and updates, and "please DON'T rush to the hospital" to get information or even to "help out." The hospital—a vital community resource in many kinds of disasters—may be stretching to its "surge" capacity, in cooperation with other area hospitals, to handle large numbers of those with the most urgent need for care. (They'll call upon their Auxilliary volunteers, when appropriate.) But do prepare your own household supply kit, so you can take care of yourself first, and then a neighbor.

Planning Mount Vernon Hospital's 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. Also in The Record are key developments, in monthly H/HS Reports (July 2003—present). In October (as reported in the November Record) Inova Health System announced that their management staff is recommending to the Board of Trustees that Mount Vernon Hospital remain at its present campus and a new healthplex be located near the Lorton Road exit of I-95. The Record archive is on our web site: www.MVCCA.org.]

A quarterly meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force on Dec. 2 added little to Inova's October announcement. With Inova's Boards scheduled to meet in December, presentation of capital planning for the entire system, including southeastern Fairfax, is anticipated; also, a physicians' committee at MVH is preparing proposals, for consideration in the new year, for enhancements of hospital facilities and services in addition to the important new diagnostic equipment that Inova has announced.

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Community meetings—open to the public

Tuesday, Jan. 4, MVCCA Health and Human Services

Committee, meets 7:30 p.m., IMVH Conf. Room C. H/HS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151. "Affordable Housing: How can we work toward a healthier housing mix?"

Thursday, Jan. 6, Route One Task Force for Human Services

focuses on (1) "Conserving Affordable Housing" and (2) a state legislative update, with state senators and delegates representing our area invited, and with Deputy County Executive Verdina 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.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 7:35PM and was attended by 14 member associations: Engleside, Gum Springs, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Newington, Newington Forest, Riverbend, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Williamsburg Manor North. The committee heard two presentations; no votes taken.

First, Earl Flanagan presented the Good Neighbor, Smart Business Appearance Recommendations from the SFDC. These recommendations are to assist businesses along the Richmond Highway corridor achieve attractive properties, maintain property values, and to create a more favorable business environment. The committee generally liked the recommendations but thought some changes were needed: 1) make both businesses and property owners responsible for the appearances, 2) that residential properties should not be excluded, 3) safety issues should be included, like line-of-sight maintenance, and 4) the range of the recommendations should be extended south to the county parkway.

The second presentation was by Neal McBride and Tim Sargeant of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force. After more than two years of work, the task force has submitted to the Board of Supervisors the reuse plan for the 79 acre Lorton Reformatory – Penitentiary complex. The plan calls for the restoration and reuse of as many historic buildings as possible with a mix of educational, retail, professional office, and residential. Some of the residential will be identified as "magnet" housing to attract people who are in training or internships and could not otherwise afford to live in the area. The restoration efforts are not expected to need significant funds from the county. Further information can be obtained at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/>

Neal McBride also introduced Conrad Mehan and Suzanne Schultz of Enviro Solutions, Inc., which has acquired the Lorton Landfill and some recycling facilities. They want to be good neighbors and have already taken steps that have reduced the number of trash trucks on Lorton Road and Furnace Road.

The next P&Z meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:30PM in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall, Walt Whitman Middle School. Adjournment was at 9:00PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Vernon, Potomac Valley River Bend,

Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair began with an update of several ongoing committee items. The committee was told that the resolution entitled 'Distracted Motor Vehicle Drivers' was passed by the Mount Vernon Council on November 23. It is in the process of being forwarded to Supervisor Hyland.

A review of the recent homicides in Fairfax County was made. A brief on the progress of the Delancey St. replication effort was also provided. The Planning Subcommittee for it met on November 22. It is the role of the Planning Subcommittee to provide the organization base for efforts of the Community Criminal Justice Board Fairfax Replication Working Group on a replication initiative in Fairfax County. Five tasks have been identified for the Planning Group: 1. Public Relations/Political - Develop a public information program and a name for the replication, 2. Governance - Develop an organizational structure, 3. Emersion - Recommend site visits and candidates for emersion training, 4. Business - Identify businesses that can earn money for the replication, and 5. Residence - identify a residential site for the replication. It was learned that Representative Moran has obtained a grant of \$500,000 in the Department of Justice Appropriations Bill for FY2005 as seed money for the replication. The grant will come through OAR of Fairfax.

The chair gave a short overview of the changes that the General Assembly made this year in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Essentially, there must be more public notice and record keeping for meetings at which members of state, county and municipality boards and committees gather. This is not only for the full board/commission, etc., but whenever there are two members meeting of a three member board/commission or three members or more from a four member or more board/commission. Three days advance notice is required specifying the date, time, and location. Minutes should be kept. Email is not subject to FOIA as long as it is not seen as a chat room.

The committee was provided with the Budget Committee schedule in February 2005 for developing the MVCCA resolution concerning the county executive's proposed Fairfax County Budget for FY2006. The chair confirmed that he had sent a memorandum to Supervisor Hyland in support of including a supplemental allowance for magistrates in the county as the committee had decided last month. A copy of it also was sent to the Chair of the MVCCA Budget Committee.

The chair briefly discussed a request for funds for the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP). Due to federal cuts to the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program, the funds to the ISP were reduced by 47%. The purpose of the ISP is to address the need of the probation department to monitor high risk offenders on probation or parole. The chair also provided a copy of a letter to the county executive signed by the Sheriff, Chief of Police, and the Executive Director Fairfax- Falls Church Community Services Board providing jointly sponsored items for funding for diversion of persons with mental illness from incarceration, and jail diversion of persons who are drunk in public, stress public safety capacity and receive no treatment in the process. These issues will receive further consideration in the next committee meetings.

The committee was advised of recent actions by the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (FJLEPC). Portions of the draft 2004 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan were provided for review. In conjunction with Channel 16, the FJLEPC has developed a video entitled 'Shelter in Place' which will begin airing on Channel 16 in January.

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This will be one avenue of information to Fairfax County residents concerning how to prepare for and survive a catastrophic chemical, biological, or other incident in the County.

Finally, the committee was given a copy of the Fairfax County Legislative Program for the 2005 Virginia General Assembly which the Board of Supervisors passed on December 6. In particular, the committee was happy to see that there is a county initiative concerning moped pocket bikes and scooters. Other items included that are supported address pedestrian safety, photo red light, and dangerous weapons in public facilities.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on December 6, 2004 in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; 25 representatives of MVCCA member organizations: (Belhaven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Fair Haven, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Marlan Forest Heights, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessington, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and two interested citizens.

The committee received a briefing from Mr. Alexander E. Lee, Assistant Project Manager, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. To date, 1 billion worth of work has been completed or started with the budget estimate for the entire project currently reduced from 2.56 billion down to 2.427 billion. The outer loop bridge span is scheduled for completion in 2006 when the existing bridge will be demolished. The inner loop bridge span is scheduled for completion in 2008. For an 8 month period, the inner loop of the Beltway will be rerouted by tunneling under the Mount Vernon Highway, to accommodate construction. Currently, utility rerouting work is in progress on Route #1. An attempt will be made to alleviate the existing unsatisfactory intersection at Telegraph and Huntington; a flyover from the Beltway directly into Huntington and N Kings Highway is being studied which will alleviate that congestion. For updates on road closures, call 877-463-6992, or visit web site: www.wilsonbridge.com. Mr. Lee promised to check if current traffic lights on Gibbons and Highway #1 can be better coordinated for the evening rush hour and if the traffic light at Belle Haven Country Club can be coordinated with the light at Fort Hunt Road and Highway #1 for the morning rush hour. He indicated that he will try to organize a boat tour to inspect bridge construction progress in the spring, and if successful, will invite committee members to participate. Subsequent to Mr. Lee's briefing, Mr. Flanagan showed a DVD video of an animated 360 degree model of the Highway #1 and Beltway interchange.

Updates on various issues were provided by the chair.

- To explore the possibility of traffic calming on Morningside Drive, the Mount Vernon Supervisor will form a task force, participants have not yet been selected.

- The red light problem at Fort Hunt/Huntington/Route #1 appears to be back to normal. However the question was posed if the jug handle can be eliminated as the new Beltway intersection is constructed. While Route #1 southbound traffic can avoid the jug handle, traffic exiting the Beltway may need it to preclude transiting three lanes for a turn. A sub-committee was established to examine the options.

- The new bus transit plan has some concerns. Nothing was to be altered for a three month period which is now nearing completion. The late night and early morning noise problem on Potomac and S Wakefield in the Belle View area remains a concern. The safety problem of speeding busses needs to be brought to the attention of the Public Safety Committee. Also the overcrowding of the new REX line during rush hour has presented problems. Additionally, a sub-committee will examine the adequacy of bus stops supporting the REX line in terms of their safety and comfort. Some new bus stops have been constructed and others have been promised but have not yet been provided.

- The Sherwood Hall Lane Cut-through work group has met and will meet again on Jan 12. A compromise solution appears difficult to achieve since resident and commuter aims differ widely. The work group should consider the future plans for Boswell and Fordson which may no longer serve as thru streets as the access to Route #1 is permanently blocked, per Master Plan..

It was noted that a need exists to examine prior resolutions passed by the Committee and the Council, to determine if any action or follow-up is needed. A sub-committee was formed for that purpose. One of the past items that remains unsolved is the construction of a full right hand turn lane for northbound traffic on Fort Hunt at the Belle View Boulevard intersection.

The Mount Vernon Country Club has a proffer to provide \$50,000 towards sidewalk construction on the north side of Old Mill Road. A survey is currently being conducted by the chair which should facilitate designating priorities for specific stretches of that road. As part of the proffer, the Club was to conduct a series of yearly golf tournaments to collect another \$50,000 for the same purpose. The Club is seeking someone who would be willing to run these tournaments on a Monday in late July, August or early September starting in 2005. The Club will only subtract cost for food served and prizes, while all income from green fees and cart fees will go into the proffer. Corporate sponsors will be needed.

Submissions were received for location of pedestrian safety islands on Route #1. Specifically between Huntington & Fairhaven; between Frye and Brevard; between Highland & Sky View Drive; between the Fairfax County Parkway, Anderson Lane,

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Proposed 2004 Income		Budget 2005
Anticipated Balance 12/31/04		\$2,868.84
RECEIPTS		
Dues \$4,671	\$4,653	
Record Subscriptions	\$480	\$480
Gala Income	\$4,265	\$3,475
Knowles Plaque Donations	\$615	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,031	\$8,608
DISBURSEMENTS		
2004 Expenses		Budget 2005
Record Expenses	\$4,487	\$4,508
Administrative	\$488	\$389
Gala	\$2,702	\$2,743
Web Site	\$420	\$690
Knowles Plaque	\$1,148	\$0
Membership	\$0	\$75
Postage	\$300	\$400
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,545	\$8,805
2005 Anticipated Ending Balance		\$2,671.84

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DECEMBER 1, 2004 RESOLUTION

Jointly presented by the Co-Chairs and by the Education Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

WHEREAS the Fairfax County School Board ("School Board") has unanimously approved a plan for the phased consolidation of certain administrative offices of Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") into two new buildings, one existing and one to be constructed (collectively "the Plan") and will present The Plan for the approval of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ("BOS") on December 6, 2004, and

WHEREAS the offices to be consolidated under The Plan are currently scattered among more than a dozen locations, some leased and some located in older and deteriorating former school buildings; and

WHEREAS it has been found by previous citizen/staff studies done over a period of years that the current office situation is both administratively inefficient and not cost effective due to the expense of leases, maintaining and upgrading obsolete facilities, travel expenses, additional support staff required, and down time lost to travel; and

WHEREAS staff of FCPS, working with outside consultants and staff of BOS, have constructed a business model ("The Model") which demonstrates that The Plan will not increase administrative costs and may in fact result in significant savings over time; and

WHEREAS the purchase, consolidation expenses and construction costs pursuant to The Plan will be financed by issuance of bonds through the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority ("FCEDA"); and

WHEREAS the FCEDA bonds are not a general obligation of Fairfax County, do not affect the County debt ratio or its bond rating and therefore have no effect on the issuance of any County bonds, including FCPS capital construction bonds, which have been or may in the future be authorized by the electorate; and

WHEREAS the FCEDA bonds will be repaid from the FCPS operating budget from funds currently used for lease payments, maintenance of the aging facilities, travel and telecommunication expenses and from other savings, including staff reductions made possible by The Plan, and such repayment will not, as demonstrated by The Model, require any increase to the operating budget with respect to administrative costs nor require any diversion of funds from academic or other programs; and

WHEREAS the School Board, based on staff recommendations and in consultation with the BOS, is considering the use and disposition of the properties to be vacated, as well as of other properties which may be surplus, and may, after appropriate public review and comment, sell some properties which would generate funds for the school construction, making possible acceleration of badly needed new schools and renovations of existing schools; and

WHEREAS the opportunity to purchase the properties contemplated in The Plan is time sensitive and requires quick action in an appreciating and volatile real estate market; and

WHEREAS staff of BOS and the County Executive have indicated an intent to recommend approval of The Plan to the BOS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Co-Chairs and the Education Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations jointly and respectfully request that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors act favorably and expeditiously on the Fairfax County School Board's plan for purchase and construction of consolidated administrative facilities and the financing thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Co-chairs and the Education Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations jointly and respectfully request that the Fairfax County School Board, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors, with appropriate public notice and comment, act expeditiously to determine the potential use and/or disposition of all currently undeveloped or unused school property as well as the properties which will be vacated pursuant to the consolidation plan.

Review of Plan for Lorton Arts Center Workhouse

Whereas, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors owns property known as the "Workhouse", and

Whereas, Lorton Arts Foundation obtained a 99 year lease and rezoning at the "Workhouse" site of the old Lorton Prison,

Whereas, the Lorton Arts Center will be submitting a site plan, including a proposed storm water management plan, for review about the end of November 2004, and

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

Whereas, the Executive Director of Lorton Arts Foundation has publicly proclaimed in the South County Chronicle newspaper the plan also to be "environmentally friendly" development, and

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) has received a grant from Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) at this adaptive re-use site, to develop a feasibility plan for incorporating a Low Impact Development (LID) based storm water management plan for the site, and

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

Whereas, among the LID practices to be feasible at this site are bio-retention facilities (rain gardens), porous pavers, underground detention, and green roofs among others,

Whereas, under present conditions a significant portion of the land includes impervious surfaces, such as parking spaces, paved open spaces, roof tops, which will further increase following the development of this site, and, and

Whereas, downstream natural resources, including receiving channels will be further affected by the run-off discharge from this site, and

Whereas, LID practices can be as or more effective than conventional Storm Water Management (SWM) practices for controlling the quality and quantity of storm water run-off, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations requests that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors require implementation of all feasible LID storm water quantity and quality controls, as per the above collaboration of the involved parties, on this site plan as a development condition.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2004 through December 9, 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	\$4,094	-\$606
Administrative	\$696	\$488	-\$208
Gala	\$2,750	\$2,702	-\$48
Web Site	\$540	\$555	\$15
Knowles Plaque	\$0	\$1,148	\$1,148
Membership	\$75	\$0	-\$75
Postage	\$480	\$300	-\$180
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,241	\$9,287	\$46
Balance Ending Period		\$3,262.09	

¹Includes balance forward of \$440.00

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

COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2005

MVCCA Board-MVGC-SUPV
Thursday, January 13, 8:00 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
1/4 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
1/4 T 7:30	COAF	MVGC	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
2/2 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS CR	George Bauer	703.768.1774
1/5 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
1/5 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
1/6 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
1/3 M 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
1/3 M 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS LH	David Dale	703.765.8247

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