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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 26th 2006 8 pm

in the Walt Whitman 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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## PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 22, 2006, 8:00 pm

Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

## MINUTES

**Officers Absent:** Co-chairs Mack Rhoades and Bob Reynolds; Secretary Susie Ellicott, Acting Treasurer Phyllis Evans.

**Members Represented:** Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Cross Pointe, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Montebello Condo, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Olde Belhaven Town, Pinewood Lake Home Owners, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North

**Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order, Co-chair Al Bornmann presiding. The Minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, Council meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved providing that the results of voting on resolutions presented at that meeting be included in the corrections to the minutes. (The corrections appear at the end of the March minutes.)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Budget* Chair George Bauer reviewed the deliberations on the Advertised County Budget Plan completed by the Committee, including discussions with the County Executive and Mount Vernon Supervisor. *Consumer Affairs* Chair Queenie Cox referred to her report in the *RECORD*. *Environment and Recreation* Chair Jim Davis was absent; his report was published in the *RECORD*. *Health and Human Services* Chair Louise Cleveland reported the corrected vote of support for two resolutions to be considered in March as 18-

### MVCCA GALA 2006 SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH 2006, 6:00 PM FORT BELVOIR GOLF CLUB ON BEULAH ROAD

PLEASE JOIN MOUNT VERNON CITIZENS IN HONORING THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN MAILED. A RESERVATION FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE WWW.MVCCA.ORG <a href="http://www.mvcca.org/">http://www.mvcca.org/></a> . TELEPHONE INQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE CO-CHAIRS OR EDITOR DAVE BOLTE.

# THECOUNCIL minutes

0-0. *Planning and Zoning* minutes were contained in the *RECORD*. Public Safety Chair Dallas Shawkey referred to committee minutes in the *RECORD* and announced the next committee meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>. *Transportation* Chair Frank Cohn noted his minutes in the *RECORD* and discussed the transportation problem with the proposed Walgreen Pharmacy at Route One and Boswell Avenue. Education Chair and FCFCA Representative Judy Harbeck reported that the Federation was getting involved in hardship cases involving Zoning Ordinance restrictions, taking a stand that there should be no relaxation of the zoning regulations and laws. Recent actions applying to granting of variances, which, it was observed, had been granted too leniently, are affected by State Supreme Court rulings that there must be real "hardship" for justification. There was continued discussion of the present, new, system for variance waivers. Special Committee, Affordable and Workforce Housing Chair Jerry Ireland reviewed issues in the minutes, announced future meetings, and drew attention to the Position Paper, in the *RECORD*, explaining how the Committee defines its views on such housing; Ireland asked that Council members, and others, comment on or suggest modifications for strengthening the Position Paper.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-chair Al Bornmann announced selection of the Citizen of the Year, Sheldon Hoenig, and selection of Organization of the Year, Girl Scout Troop 53-4, and reminded attendees of the MVCCA Gala, announced in the *RECORD*, on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Fort Belvoir Golf Club. The cost of attendance is \$37 per person, a price increase necessitated by rising prices of services.

#### ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland was introduced and enumerated the following:

There is a new reporter present from the *Mount Vernon Gazette*. John Teschner.

Two candidates for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Administrator are being interviewed with the prospect of selection of a well-qualified replacement for Susan Herbert.

Re the FY2007 Budget Plan: The County residential tax rate, which the budget plan would cut by 7 cents, may be cut by an additional 2 to 5 cents, possibly more. The schools transfer of an additional \$25 million will add to the bonding authority for schools. Additional budgeting for 20 additional police officers will allow allocation to places of higher index crimes. Questioned regarding salary increase for the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Hyland supports an increase only if the job is made full-time and prohibits outside employment.

The presented land-use solution to Kings Crossing development is deemed unacceptable because of differences between the developer's ratio of commercial/residential and that acceptable to the County. The proposed Walgreen's Store on Boswell could be built by right but requires a special exception for a drive-through window. The telecommunications cell phone monopole proposed for Mount Vernon High School grounds probably will be deferred because of the need for a necessary change in the Public Schools' contract agreement. Resolution of the controversy on disposition of "North Hill" may be deferred for a while.

The Supervisors recommend a talk to the Council on "Pandemics."

### RESOLUTIONS

The "MVCCA Resolution on the Fairfax County FY2007 Budget, as Advertised" contained two major items: (1) don't repeal the auto decal fee because the loss will only be made up in the real estate tax; (2) increase the school transfer up to 7.4%. Further, dedicate an additional penny of the budget to affordable housing as proposed. Approved 25-2-1

"The Resolution of the MVCCA Education Committee re the FY2007 Budget Plan" supports 7.4% for schools, the smallest increase in several years, but outlines important unbudgeted needs and factors contributing to higher costs per pupil. Approved 27-0-0

"Health and Human Services Planning for FY2007" outlined needs among some vulnerable and growing groups, called attention to cost-effective prevention strategies, and recommended resource allocation. Approved 25-1-1

"Public Support for Two Pennies Now for Affordable Housing" acknowledged continuation of a penny of mil rate dedicated to preservation and called for an additional penny to go toward stimulating new development, as in last year's preference of the MVCCA. Approved 18-8-1

Transportation Committee's "Maintenance Resolution" on neighborhood streets addressed state funding issues. Approved, 28-0-0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

One new association representative was introduced: Olde Belhaven Towne. Attention was suggested by Collingwood Springs to observing and reporting vandalism of automobiles, a phenomenon occurring in other communities. The problem of POD temporary storage remaining on properties for extensive periods was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

### CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

In addition to the two Resolutions reported the February minutes (March *RECORD*), the following six resolutions were acted upon Feb. 22:

MVCCA-2006-TRANS-18, Count-Down Traffic Light at Richmond Hwy & Huntington Ave. Approved 29-0-0

MVCCA-2006-ENVR-16, 1111 "EYE" street SE2005 MV-017. Approved 24-3-2

MVCCA-2006-ENVR-17, 6414 Boulevard View. Approved 29-1-1

MVCCA-2006-PL/Z-13, Walgreens Pharmacy SE2005-0272. Tabled pending satisfactory transportation plan for Boswell, 28-3-0 MVCCA-2006-PL/Z-14, Inova Rezoning RZ2005-MV-029, amended (removing last whereas) to reflect that approval should be conditioned on satisfaction of adjoining community concerns, approved 30-0-1

MVCCA-2006-PL/Z-15, Lights for Whitman MS Softball Field. Approved 31-1-0

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on April 5th at 7:30 in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Representatives from Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Potomac Valley / Riverbend, Mt. Zephyr and Wessynton Homes attended. Our discussions focus on improving our knowledge base on what it costs to live in Fairfax County. The reason for pursuing this is that mid-year FY 2006, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to increase the dollar brackets making a resident over age 65 eligible for real estate tax relief if their income is between \$62,000 and \$72,000, provided their assets do not exceed \$340,000 (exclusive of one's residence).

We do not know if this level of relief is justified. One of the committee members suggested that since the adjoining communities had adopted the new, higher level of tax relief, that Fairfax County should too. It is our goal to examine the cost of living in the County. The committee has been divided into two groups; one group will focus on residents that have not yet reached age 65. This group wants to examine what it costs a young family with children to live in the County. The second group will examine the population that has reached age 65 with brackets of age 65 to age 74 and age 75 to age 84. Dick Woods agreed to see what the County would be able to provide to us on this subject and Celia Boertlein agreed to see what pertinent demographic information is available from the U.S. Government's database. Robert Johansen and Mark Welch said that they would pursue acquiring some of the details of the study quoted in the demographic report "Anticipating the Future" which is posted on the County's website.

It is generally accepted that medical bills are a major burden for the age 65 plus population. However, that it is a burden for everyone in this age bracket is not the case. The formula for calculating qualifying income does not take into consideration medical bills. The County's form for calculating qualifying income can be viewed at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf\_files/2006TaxRelief.pdf. So, we are looking to see if a simple formula adjustment that takes into consideration medical expenses should be factored into what is defined as income in order to be eligible for tax relief once one reaches age 65 or is disabled.

Our efforts to study this aspect of tax relief are for edification of the committee and we are not at this time committed to producing a report for the general public.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 on May 3rd in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School when we will continue to continue our work on this subject.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

A small group of Consumer Affairs representatives from Mount Vernon Lakes Condo, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, and Potomac Valley/River Bend met on Tuesday, April 4th at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. The Committee discussed BB&T's practice of charging a fee to individuals presenting a check for payment drawn on funds in a BB&T account. Committee members checked the policy of their respective banks and determined that this was a unique practice by BB&T. For example, Bank of America and Chevy Chase does not charge an individual for presenting a check for payment drawn on a Bank of America account. The Committee is aware that because of the BB&T practice at least one customer closed his accounts and opened an account with another financial institution.

The Committee briefly discussed items of interest to Committee members to include the following two websites:

- http://www.trs.virginia.gov <http://www.trs.virginia.gov/>
  or use the shortcut
  http://www.trs.virginia.gov/propertysearchdotnet to find
  out if you have any unclaimed property. Just enter your
  name and you can find out whether or not you have any
  unclaimed property in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
  If you want to search in other states, to
  http://www.unclaimed.org <http://www.unclaimed.org/>
  and click on the Owners box; click on find property; click
  on state for search; scroll down below the map and click on
  the state?s link to its unclaimed property website.
   http://www.ripoffreport.com
- http://www.ripoffreport.com

   http://www.ripoffreport.com/> or

   http://www.badbusinessbureau.com

   http://www.badbusinessbureau.com/> to find out how
   consumers rate a particular business. You will find the
   latest rip off scam and the top rip off scams. You can also
   write a complaint about a business. This site is the reverse
   of the better business bureau. It?s to list bad businesses.
   You can use this site to search a business before you do
   business with that company or business.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal?s Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

## EDUCATION

### ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met April 5, 7:30 PM, Room E-114 in Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Middle Valley (2), Mt Vernon Civic, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, MVCCA Co-Chair Reynolds, 5 representatives from Walsh/Colucci, Brookfield Homes, Land Design Cons, EM Tech and one (1) interested citizen.

The Committee considered the question— Does this proposed plan adequately protect the existing neighbors? Engineering suppositions and Storm water run-off calculations for RZ-2005-MV-001 (ridge Road) were, at length, discussed. The proposed plan includes a bioretention pond and three large infiltration facilities. These facilities are to be maintained by the subsequently formed Home Owners' Association .

Generally, infiltration facilities are for water quality not water quantity or volume. The County reviewers believe that these much larger facilities can treat and accommodate the water volume projected to occur from even the 100 year storm.

The Committee will not vote on the project until the developer provides three additional borings to the depth of the water table, the preconstruction amount of water run-off/ the post construction amount of run-off and a cemetery issue that has arisen.

Many questions were asked about increase in peak water run-off, interceptor trenches, foundation and sump pump discharges, swimming pool/ accessory structures, ground saturation and catostophic failure of the slope on the perimeter of the property. The geotechnical County Staff has approved of this innovative approach to storm water management. The downstream neighbors have concerns about slope failure (similar to the Telegraph Road failure), water table fluctuations affecting properties already affected and oversight of the construction. Proper construction and proper oversight, it is noted in the subsurface engineering report, is paramount to make this project perform as intended.

Next meeting: May 3, Room E-114, 7:30 PM Mt Vernon High School. Chief Inspector Bobby Dittman, from Environment and Facilities Division Inspection or a representative will present to the Committee.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HHS Committee met April 4, with 10 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Glen, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton. Also participating was Harriet Piper, President of the Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary, the body of nearly 400 volunteers supporting the Hospital. Our guest resource was Anne Rieger, who as an Assistant Vice President for the Inova Health System is Associate Administrator of Operations/Chief Nurse Executive for Mount Vernon Hospital.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is at the cusp of important changes and decisions that will impact health care in our district and in Lee as well, as Inova Vice President Rod Heubbers has explained to community groups such as the Southeast Health Planning Task Force (which meets next on April 19, as listed below) and the Route One Task Force for Human Services (where he was introduced March 29 and described briefly the planned relationship of the Hospital to the future Inova Lorton HealthPlex). County approvals for the Lorton site require a Planning Commission hearing on rezoning, scheduled May 4, and subsequent Board of Supervisors action, probably May 15.

At the April 4 HHS meeting, (1) the Health Systems Agency of No. Va. hearing for the "bump out" expansion at MV Hospital had taken place the previous day (HSA subsequently recommended approval to the State, April 10); (2) closing on Inova's purchase of the Lorton HealthPlex site was scheduled soon, and (3) announcement of a new Administrator for MV Hospital was

anticipated "perhaps within a week or two." (Announcement followed, April 13, that Barbara J. Doyle would be joining Inova in June as senior vice president and administrator of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.) Meanwhile, with departure of the Interim Administrator in March, Chief Nurse Executive Anne Rieger (Hospital "COO") explained the dynamic situation in which planning is taking place.

**MV Hospital Expansion:** The planned expansion/renovation of facilities on the first floor of the Hospital, variously described in the local press, is to begin construction in early to mid-2007, expend about \$13 million, and open early in 2008. The space gained through a ground floor "bump-out" will allow an extensive renovation of several first-floor areas without interrupting operations of the increasingly busy Hospital. With aid of the floor plan diagram, Rieger explained the consolidation of outpatient spaces that will be achieved, with visible benefits to patients as well as to staff and operations. Ambulatory patients will travel a much clearer "path" into larger waiting areas, have more privacy for "intake" interviews, and benefit from consolidation of radiology and surgery check-in. Expanding women's services will have more privacy, and outpatient surgical facilities a separated nearby recovery area. The hospital is now licensed and equipped for 7 Operating Rooms and 1 additional procedural room; Inova has applied for a Certificate of Public Need for 2 additional ORs at the Hospital, with the plan of moving these 2 licensed ORs to Lorton when the HealthPlex is ready for them; then the Hospital will have 2 equipped rooms available, whenever licensing of additional ORs at the Hospital is warranted.

Both Rod Heubbers and Anne Rieger have indicated that feasibility of a larger expansion at MV Hospital will be under consideration; in the future, the impact of BRAC and the possibility of cooperation with evolving military medical plans will become clearer. Potentially, Mount Vernon Hospital could add another tower (as anticipated in the original design); obstetrics would become feasible if military and civilian patients could be combined at the community hospital. The Hospital is currently operating with the lowest vacancy rate in the Inova system, indeed, circumstances that require single occupancy in semi-private rooms prevent the Hospital from going much above 85% of licensed beds.

**Lorton HealthPlex:** Construction on the Sanger Road/Lorton Road site is projected to begin in 2007, expend \$55 million, open in early to mid 2008, and be profitable within a couple of years. Emergency services are to be operated 24/7 under MV Hospital Emergency Department licensing and staffing. Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging (including mammography, CT-scanning, and MRI) will be "Divisions" of MV Hospital. However, ambulatory (outpatient) surgery will be under a separate corporate entity, probably a Limited Liability for-profit partnership between physicians and Inova. Nevertheless, "benefit to the Inova system" will appear as a credit to MV Hospital, in annual accounting statements. The Lorton facility will also have onsite medical offices.

Crucial to successful development of expanded services and fiscal viability of the two facilities will be successful recruiting of excellent physicians and high quality staff of many kinds, immediately and during the next several years. The Hospital now employs roughly



1100 (900 FTEs) not counting physicians, who are not employees; it is expanding positions (for example, to meet the 25% increase in radiology business), anticipates need for younger physicians to join groups where seniors will be retiring, and expects to add about 70 FTEs for the Lorton site. This flexible, shared staffing between the two facilities is seen as a very positive aspect in recruiting staff and attracting physicians. (More availability of affordable housing would be a real boon, also, to recruitment and retention, Rieger notes.) Rieger described the Hospital's active rotation of students and interning nurses (137 a year from NOVA and George Mason) and participation in physician residency programs. The Hospital is completing its application for American Nursing Center "magnet" certification, which makes hospitals so certified especially attractive to nursing school graduates. MV Hospital registers highest in the Inova system in physician satisfaction and second only to Fair Oaks in employee satisfaction.

FY2007 HHS Planning Concerns: The chair reported to the committee on testimony at the county hearings and on March publication of reports, related to estimating human service needs and allocating resources strategically, that became available after drafting of the FY2007 HHS Planning resolution (approved at the March Council meeting): (1) "Anticipating the Future: A Discussion of Trends in Fairfax County," released in mid-March, analyses demographic data from more than 200 sources, in essays on 11 trends bearing on housing, health, aging, and more; (2) the county's 2006 Summary Report (March 27) on the Point-in-Time Survey of homeless persons shows that families with children under 18 outnumber single adults, even more so this January than last; (3) the citizen advisory Human Services Council delivered to the Board of Supervisors, on March 31, an 8-page analysis of needs, identified specific programs recommended for additional spending not included in the Budget Plan, and argued that relatively small expenditures now, in prevention and early intervention, will yield crucial benefits long-term. The data reinforced MVCCA's HHS planning positions. In addition, a CSB Waiting List for services (as of March 1) and a front-page Washington Post article revealed aspects of an expanding crisis in delayed mental health assessment and community-based treatment; shortage of residential facilities and licensed hospital psychiatric beds is attracting wider attention, as well. The crisis did not appear to be addressed in the FY2007 Budget Plan, and our recommendation that funds be *reserved* for strategic prevention and early intervention in "emergent crises," through effective human services programs, seems apt. The Board of Supervisors has ordered a report for June and will need means for effective response thereafter.

#### Community meetings—open to the public Wednesday, April 19, Southeast (Fx Co) Health Planning Task Force meets, 7 p.m., at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Engh Rooms 1&2, to hear quarterly reports on planning issues. Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780-1773.

#### **Tuesday, May 2, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee** meets, topic t/b/a, 7:30 p.m., IMVH-Engh Room 1, H/HS. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151.

**Tuesday, May 9, Route One Task Force for Human Services** focuses on "Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing," 7 p.m., South County Center, Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Middle Valley, Montebello, Mt Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Three land use cases were heard, and two resolutions were passed.

The first case was an out-of-turn Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Laurel Hill, primarily on the site of the old reformatory. The amendment is the result of two years of effort by the Citizens Advisory Committee and includes language for the reuse of existing structures, a village center (retail, professional office, residential), parkland, schools, and a golf course. The Committee voted to support the OTPA.

The second land use case was an information only presentation by JPI Development to update the Committee on their plans for Kings Crossing, a large mixed use "town center" project about one mile south of the Beltway on Richmond Highway. The current plan includes 690 residential units; 214,500 sf of retail; 211,500 sf of office; a 150 room hotel; and 8 acres of parkland.

The third land use case was a return presentation of Brookfield Ridge Road for a project next to the Middle Valley CA. The developer showed an "Option B" plan that they expect will handle storm water run-off without having an impact on the down-slope existing residents. There were concerns expressed by the Committee about the validity of the soils & water table samples and the engineering of the water retention system. The Committee voted to oppose this "Option B" plan and reaffirmed its opposition to the original "Option A" plan.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Kings Crossing, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair opened the meeting with a short review of the testimony presented on the previous three days to the Board of Supervisors concerning the County Executive's Proposed Fairfax County Budget for FY 2007. The chair gave testimony in his position as vice chair of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. His testimony addressed the need for county salary supplements for District 29 Probation and Parole Office personnel. They and the Public Defenders are the only state employees who are not receiving supplements from the county to assist in addressing the higher cost of living in Northern Virginia. The result has been about a twenty percent turnover of probation and parole personnel each year as these people move to higher pay in other county's, federal and private positions. Supplements are currently provided to Commonwealth's Attorneys, Magistrates, and Sheriff's Deputies. Although they, too,

need it, supplements cannot be provided to Public Defenders as it is not currently authorized under Virginia Code.

The speaker for the evening was Jack Chapman, the Assistant Director/Intake Officer for the Juvenile & Domestic Relations (JDR) Court Intake Office located on the first floor of the South County Government Center. The office nineteen personnel: the Unit Director, Assistant Director, nine Probation Officers, two Administrative Assts., and six teachers.

The intake function is related to three areas. First is the juvenile intake which concerns complaints regarding delinquent (criminal) activity, chronic running away, and truancy. Second is the domestic relations intake which is done one day per week by appointment. Third is third party custody intake which concerns third party custody issues.

The probation function is accomplished by probation officers who are assigned to individual school districts. They cover the following high school pyramids: Mt. Vernon, West Potomac, Edison, Hayfield, South County and the Bryant Alternative School. One probation officer is assigned juveniles with significant mental health problems. Another is bi-lingual and is assigned Spanish speaking clients.

The staff responds to referrals, parents complaints, and the police. The Police School Resource Officers (SRO) bring students that have committed acts that cannot be handled within the school system to this office. The JDR Intake Office staff run anger management (for teens) groups, girls groups (for general girls problems), and family anger management groups. They assign community service work and work to collect court fines/restitution. Last year they collected \$230,000 in fines. They will start a victim impact group this month.

Staff from other JDR programs regularly use the office space for parole, community service, supervised release, family counseling and for hearings.

On average the JDR Intake Office is handling about 320 and 350 juveniles cases. During the last year, it had a total of about 780 juvenile cases. This represents more than 21,000 contacts whether in face to face meetings or other means.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in Community Rm. 3, Mounty Vernon Governmental Center beginning are 7:30pm, Thursday, May 4, 2006.

### TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on April 3, 2006 in the Walt Whitman Intermediate School Library. Attending were Mr. Earl Flanagan, Transportation Commissioner, representatives of 17 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Berkshire, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North), and one interested citizen. For the second time, the Supervisor of the VDOT Maintenance office in Lorton failed to appear before the Committee. He had to cancel in March due to a son's emergency surgery. Trees on roadways from the rainstorm caused him to miss our April meeting without being able to cancel in advance. He hopes to finally make the May meeting.

A four-member team, led by Ms. Sherri Hoy, from the Walgreen Pharmacy organization, presented their traffic plan for their proposed Route #1/Boswell property. Along Boswell, there will be but one entrance for West moving traffic only and exiting traffic will only be allowed to turn towards Highway #1. Along Route #1, a tapered deceleration lane will run for the length of about one half of the property to a Northern corner entrance, for a right turn by northbound traffic on Route #1. Exit unto Route #1 will only be permitted for northbound traffic. A sidewalk will be provided along Boswell and along Route #1 for the length of the property; additionally, a \$25,000 proffer will be provided for sidewalks in the adjacent community. The drive-thru access will be routed parallel to Boswell, with its service window set back eastward as far as possible. With the projected activity for the window, there should be a more than adequate length of stacking space, with no chance for a back-up out of the property. The service window will only accept prescription for filling or prescription pick-up; waiting for filling the prescription will not be permitted at the window. Overall, it should be noted that the traffic volume for the Walgreen operation is projected to be much reduced from the prior activity experienced by the presence of Dunkin Doughnuts and the Daks Restaurant.

Committee members were concerned about a back-up on Boswell for traffic heading eastward, if a westbound vehicle attempts to turn into the Walgreen property but is blocked from entering by tightly stacked westbound traffic waiting for the corner traffic light. Walgreen is negotiating with VDOT on traffic light cycles for the traffic light at the Boswell/Route #1 intersection. It is proposed that the left turn signal for southbound traffic on Route #1 will be synchronized with the right turn signal for Boswell westbound traffic. This arrangement should make it less likely that vehicles trying to enter the Walgreen property on Boswell will be blocked. In view of the available width of Boswell, the Committee would prefer stacking space for eastbound Boswell traffic attempting to enter the Walgreen property. Since complete construction plans are not yet finalized, pending further VDOT coordination, the Committee sent word to the P&Z Committee meeting next door, that traffic plan acceptance remains contingent on final plan submission, with stacking space on Boswell as a requirement.

An ongoing Residential Traffic Administration Program (R-TAP) in the Mount Vernon Manor community, where one street in the subdivision wants speed humps installed, has shown to be troublesome. Some possible changes in the process maybe required and a proposal will be submitted by the Chair at the next meeting.

The problem of pedestrian crossings of Route #1 at Huntington and Fort Hunt Road was next addressed. The Committee had submitted a resolution for a timed traffic signal at Huntington, however, the problem at Fort Hunt requires further monitoring. VDOT seems to oppose any crossing while the Supervisor has suggested an over- or

under-pass at that location.

In view of existing bridge construction plans affecting the Route #1 corridor, with bike trails projected to cross Route #1 and leading to the Alexandria urban deck, and with specific routings unclear, the Committee will request a presentation from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2006, to be held in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The monthly meeting was held March 23, with 6 representatives participating: United Voice at Kings Crossing; Villa May; Collingwood on Potomac; Stratford Landing; Mason Hill; and Spring Bank.

A special follow-up meeting on the Position Paper was held April 6th, with 9 representatives participating: United Voice at Kings Crossing; Villa May; Collingwood on Potomac; Sherwood Forest; Mason Hill; Belle Haven Terrace; Mount Zephyr; Riverside Estates; Hunting Creek Club Apts.

The committee considered the question about how many affordable units in the Mount Vernon District had been lost last year. The answer provided at the Council Meeting was NONE. The committee did not believe this to be true. In referencing the county's March report on the 1000 units to be saved in Fairfax County with the one penny fund, they claim to have preserved 846 units to date. Of the 846 units, 47 of those units are in the Mount Vernon District (with 53 others listed as "in the pipeline").

The one other item that makes this question difficult for the committee to answer is the fact the Mount Vernon District is losing affordable homes every month, but because they are not part of a county program, they are not counted as "affordable." These are the real affordable homes we are losing, and no one is tracking these numbers. Our committee is looking into a way to provide the number of affordable homes lost last year that are not included in the efforts of the county.

As for the question of "What is Affordable Housing?" our committee has clearly defined its own meaning in the resolution and the Mission Statement of the committee.

The committee discussed some issues with the ADU program and its policies. There were some differences of understanding about how this program really works. The committee agreed to look into these issues more, and it will be placed on the agenda for our April meeting.

The committee also discussed the feedback from some of the Presidents of our member associations. The overwhelming consensus was they were not happy with the content of the Position Paper printed in the March Record. This feedback lead to a special meeting on April 6th to consider what to do with the paper and whether to go in a different direction with the committee. The consensus at the March 23rd meeting was that the Position Paper should not go forward as it was at that time.

At the special meeting on April 6th a report from the committee was presented to the committee in the form of a Mission Statement and Charge for the committee. A resolution was also presented to the committee to accept the contents of the report/Mission Statement and endorse the new direction of the committee. After some discussion the report was voted on and accepted with a vote of 8-0-1. A draft version of a Resolution for the Council, to endorse this Mission and Charge for the committee, was discussed and accepted, with some suggestions for its final form, 9-0-0. After the meeting, the resolution language was finalized and an e-vote conducted on April 11th; the resolution was accepted by a vote of 10-0-0.

**Next SCAWH Monthly Meeting:** April 27th, 7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room 3.

Note: The Mission Statement and Charge to the Committee will be published online on the MVCCA homepage for your viewing prior to the upcoming Council meeting. A paper copy will be available at the meeting.

# **THECOMMITTEE** resolutions

## AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Co-chairs of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) established a "Special Committee on Housing Affordability" (SCAH) on June 9, 2005 for a period of one year as approved by the Board of Directors on September 8, 2005, and

**WHEREAS,** the SCAH was created for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of state and county affordable housing needs, goals, programs, strategies, and funding, and recommending any changes warranted as a result of this review, especially as they apply to the Mount Vernon Magisterial District and the member Associations of the MVCCA, and

WHEREAS, the SCAH was specifically asked:

to accept the vital task of educating the Council, and the community, on affordable housing issues, in order to build public support and an informed consensus around positive strategies for preserving and enhancing the supply of appropriate affordable housing, and

- 2. to investigate the nature and full extent of housing and shelter needs that are now grouped under the term "affordable housing," review public policies and resources that may contribute to preserving and enhancing the supply of appropriate affordable housing, and identify —through outreach to both private sector and nonprofit organizations— strategies for enhancing private investment and public/private partnerships as well as for assuring accountability to the public, and
- 3. to recommend policies and actions, in coordination with the Standing Committees, to the full Council, and

**WHEREAS**, the title of the SCAH was subsequently changed to "Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing" (SCAWH) by the Council in recognition that different programs or initiatives may apply to each, while appreciating that some programs or incentives may at the same time, apply to each other, and

**WHEREAS,** the SCAWH has defined affordable and workforce housing as:

<u>Affordable Housing</u> is residential housing that has a sales price or rental amount that is within the means of a household that is low to moderate income or less. In the case of dwelling units for sale, housing that is

affordable means housing in which principal, interest, taxes which may be adjusted by state and local programs for property tax relief, and insurance constitute no more than 30% of the gross household income for a household with less than 50% of median income, adjusted for family size. In the case of dwelling units for rent, housing that is affordable means housing for which the rent, heat, and utilities other than telephone constitute no more than 30% of the gross annual household income for a household with 50% or less of area median income, adjusted for family size. Affordable housing shall include all types of year-round housing, including, but not limited to, manufactured housing, housing originally constructed for workers and their families, accessory dwelling units, housing accepting rental vouchers and or tenant-based certificates under Section 8 of the US Housing Act, as amended, and assisted living housing, where the sales or rental amount of such housing, adjusted for any federal, state, or municipal government subsidy, is less than or equal to 30% of the gross household income of the low and or moderate income occupants of the housing, and

**Workforce Housing** is residential housing that has a sales price or rental amount that is within the means of a household between 50% and 120% of the area median income where typically no more than 30% of the gross family income is expended for housing and is not housing accepting rental vouchers, Section 8 or other government subsidy currently in place and does not currently have other assistance programs attached representing the core workforce of the County, and

WHEREAS, the lack of Workforce Housing available in the Mount Vernon District and throughout Fairfax County continues to grow, housing for our workforce is arguably the most important economic development issue facing our area today. The economics of our region and businesses are also finding it increasingly difficult to recruit and keep skilled employees. Both young people and our working middle class continue to aspire homeownership, while the current housing cost is a serious disadvantage not only to the families in our area, but also to the businesses, retail and office sites, extending into the mid-management levels, and severely impacting the essential service personnel including, firemen, policemen, teachers, medical staff and others, and

**WHEREAS,** the SCAWH has developed a Mission Statement and Charge of the Committee published elsewhere in this RECORD that responds to the purposes specifically asked of the SCWAH when established, and

**WHEREAS, THE** accomplishment of the Mission Statement will require the MVCCA to remain constantly prepared to address



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changing housing conditions,

**THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations approves the Mission Statement of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the work of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing shall be coordinated with other MVCCA committees, be related to the work each may contribute to the mission and purpose of the Special Committee, be within the scope of each MVCCA committees' responsibilities as may be necessary to advance the work of the Special Committee, and

### MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report For period from January 1, 2006 through April 13, 2006

	Budget 2006	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
<b>Balance Beginning Period</b>		<b>\$2,188.93</b>	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4, 092.00	-\$408.00
Record Subscriptions	\$345.00	\$225.00	-\$120.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	-\$2,645.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,490.00	\$4,317.00	-\$3,173.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,800.00	\$1,738.25	\$3,061.75
Administrative	\$625.00	\$85.56	\$539.44
Gala	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Web Site	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,015.00	\$1,823.81	\$7,191.19
Balance Ending Period 4/13/	\$4,682.12		

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR MAY 2006

MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday, May 11th, 7:30pm							
Date/	'Day/	/Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone	
5/2	Т	7:30	H/HS	IMVH-ING	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151	
5/2	Т	7:30	COAF	WWMSPCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414	
5/3	W	7:30	BUDG	WWMS PC	George Bauer	703.768.1774	
5/3	W	7:30	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278	
5/3	W	8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883	
5/4	Th	7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185	
5/1	М	8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698	
5/1	М	7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	David Dale	703.765.8247	
4/27	Th	7:00	SCAWH	MVGC-1	Jerry Ireland	703.768.6923	

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