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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 24th 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, April 26th 2006 8 pm

in the Walt Whitman School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

## MINUTES

**ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED:** Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood/Potomac, Cross Pointe, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Kings Crossing, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Middle Valley, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, River Towers, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North.

**PRESIDING:** Robert Reynolds

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** George Bauer said **B & F** would examine electricity costs at its next meeting. Judy Harbeck reporting for the **Education Committee** said the gap in achievement between minorities and the rest of the school population is our system's biggest problem. She said the 'No Child Left Behind' standards skew definitions of success or failure. Judy says we need more funding. We spend less per pupil than Richmond or Montgomery County. Jim Davis reporting for **E & R** noted that the Budget allocates dollars for storm water management. He raised the issue of playing fields that are damaged by use after rain. This increases the cost of maintenance. The committee is concerned about a bulkhead project without a permit within the RPA along Hunting Creek. Louise Cleveland, **HHS** Chair, said the county plans to replace the dual diagnosis residential treatment center at Gregory Drive/Route 1 in Lee District with a new facility designed for 16 residents plus staff. David Dale, **P & Z** Chair, said JPI continues to meet with Spring Bank regarding the Kings Crossing Project. Dallas Shawkey, **P S** Chair, noted that for safety reasons cars cannot be parked facing the wrong way on a two way street. Frank Cohn, **Transportation** Chair, said the

Mount Vernon Country Club plans to hold a golf tournament to raise funds for a sidewalk on Olde Mill Road. He raised the question of how to get pedestrians across Route 1 at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. **Jerry Ireland**, Chair of the **Affordable and Workforce Housing Committee**, said he would clarify sources of funding, in next months' minutes.

**RESOLUTIONS: Affordable and Workforce Housing's** "Affordable and Workforce Housing Resolution" passed 15-2-6. A motion to table had failed 15-2-5. **S. Hoenig** did not want Fairfax County referred to. **P & Z's** "Laurel Hill" and "Ridge Road" passed 20-1-0 and 21-0-1.

**MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:** **Queenie Cox** representing **New Gum Springs** registered that association's concerns about the impact of the proposed Walgreen Store at Route 1 and Boswell. **Frank Cohn** suggested they await the final design. **Earl Flanagan** handed out a sheet listing the Council's 2005-06 Comprehensive Plan nominations for transportation.

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME:** **The Super** noted that the real estate tax rate will be cut by \$0.11 bringing the total cut over the last 5 years to \$0.34. The decal fee for vehicles has been eliminated. One penny on the real estate tax rate will go toward affordable housing and another for storm water management. Eight million more goes to the school system. Each penny on the real estate tax rate equals 22 million dollars. Help will be available for teachers seeking a Masters Degree. **Gerry** said tax revenue might stabilize due to a leveling off of the real estate market. Forty-nine new police officer positions have been created. Some officers will come to Mount Vernon. High crime areas will get the bulk of the new cops. **Gerry** wants profits from Inova's Lorton Healthplex shared with our hospital. He hopes to have a birthing center at Mount Vernon rather than at Fort Belvoir. Three thousand births per annum would be required to justify Obstetrics at Mount Vernon. The revenue generated would insure the future of Mount Vernon Hospital. A sexual assault prevention class will be given in June at Mount Vernon High School. To register, call 703-246-7806.

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on May 3rd 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, Wessington Homes and Waynewood attended. Our discussions focus on improving our knowledge base on what it costs to live in Fairfax County. Our meeting focused on our continuing efforts to increase our knowledge base of the cost of living in Fairfax County. As we stated last month, our 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).

Members of the committee made presentations on information resulting from their research on the subject. Dick Woods presented information he obtained from the County. In FY 2005, 5,837 residents received real estate tax relief. For FY 2006, the maximum qualified income for tax was increased to \$72,000 and up to \$340,000 in assets from \$52,000 and \$240,000 in assets in FY 2005. The County expects that there will be 8,963 participants in the tax relief program in FY 2006.

Celia Boertlein presented a data illustrating the relative cost of living in eight southern metropolitan areas based on data collected from 2003 to 2005. The average income in the Washington D. C. / MD / VA metropolitan area was \$81,531 pretax with living expenses totaling \$53,251 which compares with an average income of \$63,098 and living expenses of \$50,304 in Dallas and an average income of \$63,981 and living expenses of \$48,063 in Houston.

Robert Johansen presented data from The Self-Sufficiency Standard for the Washington D.C Metro Area 2005. This study shows that self-sufficiency incomes for Fairfax County for a family of two adults is \$38,318 while a family of two adults, an infant and one preschooler need \$71,833. The study is based on rental housing rates. Robert further extrapolated the number of individuals living below self-sufficiency rates in different age brackets.

Jim Mengenhouser presented 2003-2004 data on the percentage of gross incomes spent on health care in different age brackets. Individuals 55 to 64 years of age spend 6.9% of their income on health care, while individuals in the 65 to 74 year age bracket spend 10.4% and individuals 75 and older spend 15.5%. He also showed that the more one earns, the more one tends to spend on health care. Individuals with income between \$40,000 and \$49,999 spent \$4,448, while individuals with incomes between \$50,000 and \$69,999 spent \$5,233. Individuals with income over \$70,000 spent \$6,016 on health care.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 on Wednesday June 5th in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School when we will continue to continue our work on this subject.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs did not meet as scheduled because of a mix-up of information needed for the meeting. As a back-up, Consumer Affairs is providing a guest speaker for the general membership membership on May 24th. Staff from Fairfax County's Consumer Protection Division, Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection will provide an overview of services available to include services available at the South County Center.

Consumer Affairs next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6th at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's conference room at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Electric rates

## EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on May 3, 2006, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman Middle School. The following associations were represented: Wellington, Mt. Vernon Farms, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor North, Mt. Vernon Manor, Hollin Hills, Sulgrave Manor, Newington Forest, Williamsburg Manor and Mt. Vernon Civic.

Dan Storck, Mt. Vernon District School Board Member, also attended and participated in a wide-ranging discussion of issues in Mt. Vernon and the County generally.

One of the first issues raised was the recently announced departures of two critical personnel: Dr. Calanthia Tucker, Assistant Superintendent for Cluster IV (West Potomac and Mount Vernon High School pyramids) will retire in July and Eric Brent, Mount Vernon High School Principal, has resigned to take a position in Prince William County, near his home. Concern over the turnover rate of local principals and the important roles of both high school principals and the assistant superintendent in shaping the future of our schools was expressed by all participants.

In particular, the Committee felt it critical to select an assistant superintendent as soon as possible so that he or she can have an active role in selection of a new principal and be accountable for that choice. Members were urged to attend a meeting at 7pm, May 17, 2006, in the MVHS theater to discuss the selection process. The Chair was directed to respond to FCPS' request for advise on professional qualities considered essential in the successful candidate for the Cluster position.

The recent mark-up by the Board of Supervisors of the FY2007 County Budget to provide some additional funding for schools above the 6% guideline was briefly discussed. The additional funds (some in the new budget and others from expected 4th quarter surpluses) nearly meet the funding level recommended by the Committee and the MVCCA.

However, looking ahead to FY2008, the Chair expressed concern that the County's emphasis on linking increases only to growth, while superficially appropriate, does not reflect the County's own recognition of changing demographics which will continue to increase the percentage of students with higher educational costs, particularly minority, immigrant and impoverished children.

Moreover, the "growth only" position does not reflect the need for additional resources to combat the minority achievement gap, to better serve the growing number of students who will enter the workforce, rather than college, immediately upon graduation and to accomplish the County's core function of educating all students to a high level.

In that regard, School Board Member Storck and the Committee discussed the need to expand vocational or career-oriented educational opportunities in high schools and into middle schools so that students will have both academic and marketable skills on graduation, and see early on the benefits of working hard, participating positively in school, and persevering to graduation—and perhaps beyond.

FCPS' efforts to seek out, evaluate and adopt practices from other jurisdictions (such as Richmond) whose African-American students, as a group, outperform their Fairfax peers on SOLs, was discussed at some length. It was noted that, whatever the attitude in the past, FCPS has been actively looking for importable successful practices. One problem, ironically, is money—Richmond spends \$1000 more per student and offers extended days and Saturday programs—and perhaps another is community participation and support. Another difficulty is that practices that work well in one area or one school do not always translate into success in another. As we are recognizing different learning needs among children and attempting to differentiate and tailor an approach for each child based on our best current knowledge of how the brain works, we are also faced with the realization that successful school-wide practices in a homogeneous population don't always work when applied across the board to a diverse population, nor are they always easily adapted as a differentiation within that population.

The Committee agreed that efforts to close the minority achievement gap, so critical particularly in our local schools, must be increased, are more than a school issue, and need to be addressed in a holistic manner, involving families, community and other County resources as well. Joint meetings with other MVCCA committees were suggested to discuss these issues and needed responses.

Other perennial issues discussed enrollment projections and school capacity questions. Storck indicated the projection methodology was being reviewed and also, along with the Committee, expressed some dissatisfaction with the manner in which capacity is calculated. These issues may rise to the front burner as BRAC is implemented and, as we know, the brand-new South County Secondary School will soon be grossly overcrowded with apparently no plans to move up building the planned middle school to address the problem (and even that may not be enough given the building in the Lorton area).

Next meeting: June 7, 2006, 8 pm, Whitman library

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met on May 3 at 7:30 PM, in Room E-114 of Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village (2), Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Zephyr, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton and Williamsburg Manor.

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Members noted that no information had been received, as per the Committee's request at the April meeting, from the Ridge Road applicant. The Committee was informed that requested test boring information would be available the day after the Committee's meeting. Other substantive issues and information necessary to make an informed opinion about this re-zoning has not yet been received by any Committee members. A resolution was requesting to postpone the Planning Commission decision until E and R can determine that this project adequately protects the existing Middle Ridge Valley neighbors below the proposed development. That resolution was deleted from publication because of a meeting the following week with the applicant's representatives and County reviewers. Currently the MVCCA objects to this proposed project because of the neighbors concerns about storm water

The Committee discussed the King's Crossing (Penn Daw) proposal from JPI Development Corp. Progress is being made on this important project, however, the Committee noted that water coming from offsite need not be treated at this site. The treatment of already present inadequate storm water will be problematic to adequate storm water planning in the Richmond Highway Corridor. Shared facilities, expenses AND better storm water management on this and other re-developed sites will be necessary for adequate storm water management.

Watershed Studies are going forward. Belle Haven and Dogue Creek (to be studied together) are scheduled to begin May 2008 and completed in 2009.

Mt Zephyr Community informed the chair that a plan for stream riparian restoration, in Mt Zephyr Park was submitted to the Park Authority for approval. A community member has volunteered to remove non-native and invasive plants and vines to be replaced with native species. Park Authority and Dept of Public Works and Environmental Services approval is sought.

Next meeting: June 7, 7:30 PM, Room E-114,  
Mt Vernon High School

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee canceled its May 2 meeting; instead, 5 representatives attended the May 9 public meeting on Homelessness and Affordable Housing held by the Route One Task Force for Human Services, convener Anne Andrews: Collingwood on Potomac, New Gum Springs, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington. Several residents of Woodley Hills Estates MHP, an MVCCA member, also participated.

*Deputy County Executive Verdia Heywood* summarized the outcome, for human services, of the county budget planning process for FY2007 (starting July 1, 2006). There were no reductions, in the mark-up, to the proposed budget for human services, which included some modest but potentially important initiatives: particularly the after-school programs for middle school children, a second Adult Day Health Center and some other senior initiatives, some funds for public health positions including nurses and an emergency planner, and \$167 thousand added to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool to replace loss of federal funds.

The two scheduled speakers on Affordable Housing issues were out of town (Conrad Egan of the Redevelopment Housing Authority and co-chair of the county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and Paula Sampson of the county Department of Housing and Community Development). In their absence, *Mary Stevens* of the county HCD provided an update on how 88% the FY2006 One Penny Fund has been spent, in a variety of strategies, to preserve (as of May 5) 879 units, toward the goal set by the Board of Supervisors of 1000 units by 2007. With many units in "the pipeline" but not counted until all contracting is completed, the HCD expects to meet the goal. Of the 504 households served, the majority (319) are eligible with 60% and below the Area Median Income, 77 with 61-80%, and 108 above 80%. Stevens acknowledged however that the goal does not address the estimated need for 30,000 units to match anticipated job growth nor the reality that we are "losing much faster than we are preserving," so that there is a role for departmental involvement in "new production." Stevens explained that changing criteria at the federal department of Housing and Urban Development will emphasize making new developments "self-sufficient" in their maintenance and will require "no means testing" to be eligible, a strategy that has everyone confused about its application and leads some to predict that an explosion in the numbers of homeless families may result nationally.

Heywood reminded the forum that the county, meanwhile, is working to unveil a "ten-year plan to end homelessness" in the August-September time period. A Region I dialogue on homelessness will be held locally in late May, and others will be held in Regions II-IV. The most recent Point in Time Survey of homeless persons, counted on one night in January 2006 across Fairfax County, shows that the population has increased since last year and that individuals now spend longer in "emergency" shelters waiting for a place to move to. Family groups outnumber singles, so children are large portion of total. Referring to successful programs in other urban areas nationally, as described in the recent county Summit on Homelessness, Heywood urged that the goal should be to keep people in safe permanent housing, either by preventing eviction and displacement, or by moving people rapidly into permanent housing (greatly reducing "emergency" and "transitional" stays). A national "Housing First" policy should apply to both families and singles (with efficiency apartments, or single resident units, especially needed in this county). The plan should identify (and quantify) other needs, for example for specialized "service-enhanced" housing that provides a support system for particular needs. But, Heywood warned, the plan will require specific goals, sites, and direct lines of "accountability" to achieve results.

Two individuals who work locally, and are homeless, asked when all these plans and programs will make it possible for homeless people with low incomes to find a place to live. There were no direct answers.

### Community meetings—open to the public

#### **Tuesday, June 6, MVCCA Health and Human Services**

**Committee**, 7:30 p.m., IMVH 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Engh Conf. 1. Focus: "Why does domestic violence require a coordinated community response?" Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151

#### **Wednesday, June 7, Route One Task Force for Human Services,**

7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center, a "pot pourri" meeting on local service issues. Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.



# THE COMMITTEE reports

## Thursday, June 22, Southeast Health Planning Task Force,

7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center, Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex planning issues. Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780-1773.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Bellehaven Terrace, Collingwood Springs, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mt Vernon, Mt Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, United Voice of Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Wm H. Randall, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Four land use cases were heard, and two resolutions were passed.

The first case was an information only presentation supporting an application to rezone the Moose Lodge at 9608 Fernedge Road in Lorton to R-8. The development plan calls for 65 townhomes, 40% open space, and a net density of 7.5 du/ac. There are potential problems with marine soils, the proposed width of the homes is only 20 feet, and there is no tree save area.

The second land use case was an application to correct an existing zoning violation. Washington Square Homes was built in 1976 with a proffer for two tennis courts. In 2000 one of the courts was converted to a multipurpose court: in addition to tennis it could be used for volleyball or basketball. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The third land use case was an application by Mt. Vernon Hospital to add two small additions totaling about 5500 square feet, rearrange some of the parking, and to relocate the volleyball court. This is all a part of the renovations. If approved, it is expected to improve the imaging department and make the parking more convenient to patients and visitors. Since there will be a net increase in impervious surface, they have agreed to investigate using environmentally low impact development (LID). Also, they have agreed to not file for a storm water waiver even if the existing storm water system is inadequate, but find a solution that will not harm the watershed. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The fourth land use case was a return presentation by JPI for the proposed Kings Crossing development. The major design changes include removing the hi-rise residential towers, adding office space, and including a 150 room hotel. There were discussions about the retail development partner, the proposed proffers, and some lingering concerns about the ratio of commercial to residential space. Since JPI is still resolving issues with the staff and further modifications are expected, no vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is Monday, June 5, 2006, at 7:30 PM, in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School. Visit the committee's web site [www.mvcca-pz.org](http://www.mvcca-pz.org) for additional information and supporting documents.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Kings Crossing, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac Sect IV, Waynewood, Wellington and Williamsburg Manor North. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

Our speaker was CAPT. James Massiello, the Field Training Officer, Fire & Rescue Academy, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department who came to discuss the Acquired Structure Program by which their personnel get to train on actual structures in the County. It is a mainstay for their training for recruits, career, and volunteer firefighters for approximately 25 years. It has afforded their personnel the opportunity to participate in 'real life' training scenarios while also allowing the department to build and maintain strong working relationships with the local community and business partners. By this actual training in the communities they serve, those residents and business partners who have donated these properties get to witness the competence and capabilities of the firefighters as they train and prepare to work in dangerous and hostile environments. During the time this program has been in place the department has utilized hundreds of commercial, residential, multi-family dwellings, and churches for training exercises. Some of the business structures utilized in the Mount Vernon District include the Old Service Merchandise in Penn Daw, Huntington Towers, and residential barracks in Fort Belvoir.

When a property owner donates their property for training, they may secure savings on demolition costs and are able to file for a potential tax break (none of which is influenced by the department). Each property must meet extensive requirements prior to acceptance and utilization (e.g., acquiring the appropriate permits, the structural stability assessment, asbestos free inspection, and confirmation that utilities have been disconnected). For live burn training, the structures are not completely burned to the ground and remain the responsibility of the owner for demolition and removal.

The structures may be used for 1. Non-Destructive Training, 2. Destructive Training, or 3. Live Burn Training. In non-destructive training there is little or no structural damage to the structure. It is typically used for search and rescue techniques, firefighter down and firefighter rescue drills, hose line advancement, and orientation exercises for operating in a zero visibility environment. To enhance this training, the training staff also uses theatrical smoke generators to produce smoke conditions with the structure to simulate a limited visibility environment.

Destructive training is used for training in roof ventilation operations that includes cutting holes in the roof to show the advantages of being able to remove smoke and super heated gases from the structure which increases the survivability of any trapped occupants. Other uses of this type of training include breaching of walls and floors to enhance rescue skills of trapped occupants and firefighters. This is the ideal setting for all personnel to learn how to work within a small area using tools to remove interior wall and ceiling drywall.

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Live burn training is performed within the structure under strict guidelines. There must be a demolitions permit, asbestos inspection confirming there is no asbestos, all utilities disconnected and certified, certification of water and sewer end cap, certification of water well abandonment, a structural stability inspection by a field training officer, a limited liability release by the property owner, and an inspection that the structure is free and clear of furnishings as well as wall and floor coverings. The fuel load for the fire is no more than four wooden pallets and one bail of hay built in a corner of the room. Only one fire is ignited during any evolution and there must be a minimum of four instructors on location (two for the interior operation, and two for the exterior operation). This type of training allows firefighters to experience 'live' fire conditions to be able to adequately respond and react to the changing heat and smoke conditions. The interior is the only part of the structure used for burns. The structures are not completely burned to the ground. The value of this type training is especially great.

The selection of which type of training to be given depends on many factors such as the experience level of those to be trained and the proximity of nearby trees and other structures. The community and the nearest occupants of other structures are given notice.

Most fire departments in Virginia and Maryland accept donated structures to enhance their training. They are accepted as non-cash donations by the Fire Department after they pass strict criteria. Property my file and IRS 8283 form for a federal tax deduction that is outside the department's control as it has no reporting responsibility to local, state, or federal tax authorities.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in Community Rm. 3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center beginning at 7:30pm, Thursday, June 1, 2006. Our speaker will be the Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station, CAPT Mike Kline.

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on May 1, 2006 in the Walt Whitman Intermediate School Library. Attending were Mr. Mack Rhodes, Co-Chair MVCCA; Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; and representatives of 15 member organizations (Berkshire, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Tauxemont, United Voices at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park).

Mr. Tom Selvage, Transportation Operations Manager, VDOT was the guest speaker on VDOT Maintenance. He services 800 miles of road with a budget ranging between \$1.3 – \$1.7 million. In the current year, three major maintenance contracts were deemed to be in excess of budget and Maintenance lost the money to other Departments. When the next Fiscal Year starts July 1 it is hoped that some of the lost money will be recouped. Mr. Salvage indicated that he appreciates the Maintenance Resolution which was recently passed by the MVCCA. Budget information can be referred to Mr. Bob Driscoll, at VDOT, his supervisor. The resurfacing material

which is presently being used is the preferred material which was tested and prevailed in prior years. The survey seal which had once been used is essentially just paint and deemed useless. Questions were posed regarding the visibility of the center line on Highway #1 when it is dark and wet outside. Apparently, the center line was just repainted from Fort Belvoir to Huntington, using reflective paint which should show-up better. Committee representatives were requested to check this out during the next rainy night. Representatives are encouraged to report maintenance problems to him at 703-339-5556

The Committee next discussed the draft of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (R-TAP) Resolution, printed elsewhere in the Record. The Resolution was passed with a vote of 14 in favor : 0 against and : 1 abstention.

Mr. Earl Flanagan discussed the current planning process which has split our Transportation recommendation into two parts: "Land Use" and "Transportation". The response by the Fairfax County staff on our recommended Comprehensive Plan changes which are in the "Transportation" category will be brought before the Planning Commission on May 4th. Mr. Flanagan, Mr. McBride and Mr. Cohn will testify before the Commission. The existing discrepancies between staff depictions on the map and staff descriptive wording will be highlighted in the testimony; wording always prevails. While most items have consensus, we will advise the Commission that Highway #1 should be a 6 lane road with transit, throughout the County; presently the segment between Buckman North and the Woodlawn Plantation has been earmarked as a 4 lane road. Also, Interstate #95 should have a truck exit leading to the County Resource Recovery Facility to relieve local roads of this type of traffic. Lastly, if the Highway #1 – Telegraph Road Connector Road is built as a 4 lane road, this must not lead to any pressure to widen the existing George Washington Parkway which will be aligned to meet the Connector Road at Route #1. Furthermore, the Connector Road should be called Mulligan Road since Old Mill Road primarily exists on the East side of Route #1 and is not contiguous with the current Old Mill Road on the west side of the highway, which is indeed confusing. The Committee, in a vote of concurrence indicated approval of these positions with a unanimous vote of 15:0:0.

The Committee was updated on the following matters: (1) The matter of pedestrian crossings of Route #1 at Fort Hunt and Huntington is back for re-examination by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team. We may have some information on this at the next meeting. (2) The Walgreen traffic problem on Boswell remains unresolved. The Walgreen design team must provide us with their solution before we can recommend approval or disapproval. (3) The problem of a sidewalk on Old Mill Road, at a new home construction at the intersection of McNair/Old Mill has been forwarded to the Supervisor since the owner of the property has signed a release to permit sidewalk construction. We will now see if proffer money will be used to do this job. (4) The trail on Fort Hunt Road as supported by the Country Club does not appear to meet standards. Mr. Brubaker of Safe Crossing is following up on this matter. (5) The 3-way Stop at the intersection of Lukens Lane/Old Mill Road, as requested by the MVCCA appears to be at a gridlock. Residents in the vicinity were polled and were no

sufficiently supportive. However, the request for the 3-way stop was not an R-TAP issue but rather an issue concerning safety due to limited sight distances at that location. The Chair will follow-up with the Supervisor.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM on Monday, June 5, 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 April 27th, with 6 voting members participating: United Voice at Kings Crossing; Collingwood on Potomac; Sulgrave Manor; Mount Zephyr; Riverside Estates; Hunting Creek Club Apts. There were also 3 non-voting members participating in the meeting.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm with the committee chair giving a report on the Workforce Housing Summit sponsored by the National Realtors Association. While much great information was given out it was clear that there needed to be clear definition of "affordable" and "workforce" housing on a national level. Most efforts to date while they have begun to be sold to the public as "workforce housing" they are largely affordable housing goals for our low-income families.

The next item the committee began a discussion on was the effect the tax assessments in our area and in surrounding areas are having on the long-term affordability of our homes for not only first time home buyers by also our growing seniors that are also struggling with the affordability of their homes as they retire. Our committee has agreed to look at the issue and see factually what this means and what could be done about this matter. A report will be presented to the committee in the next meeting.

The next item the committee discussed was the permitting costs to developers in our area. Our committee would like to identify the ball park costs for apartments, condos, townhouses and single family homes and see if there may be a way to leverage this cost with the developer in including more workforce housing in new developments at a lower market rate. A member of the committee will look into these fees and report back to the committee next month.

The committee had one extra item added to the agenda in regards to the parcels of land being returned to the BOS from the BOE. The committee has agreed to locate these sites and identify there proximity to local workforce centers in the County, recommending these sites be considered in part or in whole for development of Workforce Housing. The committee will be working on this issue and draft a resolution.

The last item the committee discussed was to current "density bonuses" given to developers when they participate in the ADU program. It has been brought to the attention of the committee that these "density bonuses" may not really be a bonus after all. For example of a site is planned for 1.0 FAR and a developer brings a site plan to the table with a 1.0 FAR then there will be no density bonus unless the developer lowers its planned use below the 1.0 FAR. The committee is going to look into how this is or is not working over the next 2 months and see if there is a better way these bonuses could be applied.

In addition to the public forum the committee is holding on a monthly basis now, members of the committee with the chair are planning to attend local home-owners meetings and present a 30 minute presentation on affordable and workforce housing. If your association would like to participate in this please contact Jerry W. Ireland at 703-768-6923 and schedule an appointment ASAP.

Next SCAWH Monthly Meeting: May 25th, 7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room 3.

Next SCAWH Public Forum on Workforce Housing: June 3rd from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Sherwood Hall library.

## Fairfax County's Community Summit to End Homelessness continues with Community Dialogue in Region I: Tuesday, May 30

*You are invited to this opportunity for information sharing from the recent Summit and for dialogue: "Bring your creative ideas to help shape our plan and your commitment to ending homelessness in Fairfax County."*

*A light supper will be provided at 6 p.m., with meeting beginning at 6:30. Please RSVP by phone to assist planning. Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria 22306. RSVP to 703-704-6700.*

## WASHINGTON SQUARE HOMES PCA-C-403-02

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**WHEREAS**, Washington Square Homes was built in 1976 with a proffered condition for the construction of two tennis courts, and

**WHEREAS**, by 2000, the tennis courts had fallen into disrepair due to neglect as no one used the courts, and

**WHEREAS**, when the Board of Directors of Washington Square Homes Association repaved the courts they added the additional uses of volleyball and basketball to one of the courts in an attempt to make it more useful to the community, and

**WHEREAS**, it was subsequently determined that the multipurpose court is a violation of the proffer for two tennis courts, and

**WHEREAS**, since the multipurpose court is being used for recreation but as a tennis court it was not used, it made sense to amend the proffers so the multipurpose court could remain,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this application to amend the proffers to allow a multipurpose court plus a tennis court instead of two tennis courts, as presented.

## MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL – AMEND SE 82-V-012

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**WHEREAS**, Mount Vernon Hospital is undergoing renovations, and

**WHEREAS**, the imaging department will be improved with the addition of a small amount of space in two additions, totaling 5500 square feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the parking areas will be reconfigured and slightly expanded, and

**WHEREAS**, the existing volleyball court will be relocated as part of reconfiguring the parking areas, and

**WHEREAS**, existing transitional screening in the parking areas will be saved and relocated wherever possible, and

**WHEREAS**, new transitional screening using native plants will be added, and

**WHEREAS**, no storm water waivers will be requested, and

**WHEREAS**, the existing storm water facility is expected to be able to handle the slight increase in run-off, but if it is not adequate some method will be developed to treat and detain storm water rather than applying for a waiver, and

**WHEREAS**, the planners will investigate the possibility of using environmental low impact development techniques such as rain gardens in the parking area,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this application, as presented.

## DRAFT R-TAP RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County procedures titled Residential Traffic Administration Program (R-TAP) implement the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) policy for adopting traffic calming devices; and

**WHEREAS**, in a recent implementation of R-TAP a number of program deficiencies were observed; and

**WHEREAS**, in that implementation, the Citizen Association involved was not initially cognizant of, nor fully engaged in the R-TAP process, as required by the Fairfax County procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the community was not apprised of the advantages and disadvantages, as well as the existence of other traffic calming options, in any factual fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current R-TAP procedures a distinction is made between an Impacted Area and a Petition Area, wherein only residents in the smaller Petition Area are permitted to vote, yet residents in the Impacted Area are not permitted to vote; and



# THE COMMITTEE resolutions

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**WHEREAS**, the vote of the Petition Area involved asked for an up or down vote for the emplacement of speed humps, without offering the option to adopt the lesser intrusive device of a speed table; and

**WHEREAS**, a Petition Area Task Force was formed which was hand-picked by one individual from the Petition Area without assuring a fair representation from the Impacted Area, the Petition Area and the Civic Association; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT and FCDOT representatives supported speed humps on a street in the Petition Area, which only marginally qualified for traffic calming intervention, where no sight distance problem or accident statistics existed; and

**WHEREAS**, the preferences of supporting Fire & Rescue as well as VDOT Maintenance were not formally drawn into the process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the R-TAP process be formally amended by the Board of Supervisors to require the following:

That after verifying the validity of a community request for traffic calming, the respective Supervisor formally apprises all the residents within a Home Owner Association (HOA) or Citizen Association (CA) that an R-TAP process has been initiated, with a Fact Sheet to each resident to inform about all of the Traffic Calming options as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each, and

That VDOT and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) assure that a representative Task Force is formed, composed of representatives from both the Impacted and the Petition Areas as well as from the HOA/CA, and that VDOT and FCDOT representatives assure that Task Force members understand about measured traffic calming responses appropriate for the particular severity of the traffic situation under consideration, and

That formal input be obtained from Fire and Rescue and VDOT Maintenance, and

That all the residents residing in both the Impacted and Petition Areas be authorized to vote, and that a vote on the emplacement of 'speed humps' also permits the option to vote for a substitute, i.e. 'speed tables'.

## MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

### Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2006 through May 11, 2006

	Budget 2006	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
<b>Balance Beginning Period</b>		<b>\$2,188.93</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,338.00	-\$162.00
Record Subscriptions	\$345.00	\$225.00	-\$120.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$2,833.00	\$188.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$7,490.00</b>	<b>\$7,396.00</b>	<b>-\$94.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Record Expenses	\$4,800.00	\$2,178.84	\$2,621.16
Administrative	\$625.00	\$85.56	\$539.44
Gala	\$2,500.00	\$1,504.11	\$995.89
Web Site	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$9,015.00</b>	<b>\$3,868.51</b>	<b>\$5,146.49</b>
<b>Balance Ending Period 5/11/06</b>		<b>\$5,716.42</b>	

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2006

### MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday, June 8th 7:30pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
6/6 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-Engl	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
6/6 T 7:30	COAF	WWMSPCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
6/7 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS PC	George Bauer	703.768.1774
6/7 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
6/7 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
6/1 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
6/5 M 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
6/5 M 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	David Dale	703.765.8247
5/25 Th 7:00	SCAWH	MVGC-1	Jerry Ireland	703.768.6923

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