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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 27th 2006 8 pm

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Approval of Secretary's Minutes

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Co-Chairmen's Report on Board Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives' Time

MV Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 8 p.m.

Mount Vernon Governmental Center

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Pinewood Lake, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford IV, Sulgrave Manor, Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton; Bornmann, Reynolds, Rhoades; committee chairs Bauer, Cox, Harbeck, Cleveland, Dale, Shawkey, Cohn; special committee chair Ireland; Flanagan, Bolte.

Prior to calling to order, the discussion centered on the major flooding in the District, particularly the extreme flooding in the Huntington area and possible causes.

MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT were approved.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME:

RE: BRAC. Supervisor Hyland discussed the pros and cons of the Army's plans for expanding Fort Belvoir: the impact on transportation in the Route 1 and I-95/395 corridors; the status of the Army Museum. Jim Davis (Environment) questioned whether buildings will meet federal environmental standards and whether there has been an environmental impact study. Tom Burgess (Stratford Landing) noted that on-site office buildings will not serve to further revitalization of the area. Co-chair Reynolds noted that security concerns are a large factor in the location of projects.

Announcements

The Nominating Committee for MVCCA Officers for 2007 will be constituted at the September Council Meeting. Under the By-Laws, the Co-Chairs will announce appointment of two members; three additional members will be elected by the Council. No current officers may serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Second Annual MVCCA Golf Tournament will be on Monday, October 30th, Mount Vernon Country Club. Information and an entry form are enclosed and available on the MVCCA website.

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RE: Kings Crossing. The ongoing lack of response by the Developer to Council concerns brought forth comments that the developers are quoting non-existent studies to support their goal of making the development as profitable as possible to the detriment of the community. This led to a discussion of the County Inspectors and their disregard of blatant code violations and the need for citizen vigilance.

RE: Huntington. Gerry explained that clearly the volume of storm water has increased since the drainage project was completed in 1982 at a cost of \$5 mil; fixing it will probably cost ten times that much. Gerry needs five BOS votes to get it passed. "That area (Huntington) needs to be protected."

REPORTS, COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance (George Bauer) No committee meeting. George pointed out that the slowdown in the real estate market could result in conflicts over increases in the County's FY 2008 budget.

Consumer Affairs (Queenie Cox) Next meeting will be September.

Education (Judy Harbeck) There will possibly be a change in 'no child left behind' funding.

Health and Human Services (Louise Cleveland) Louise recommended the report detailing the decreasing number of psychiatric beds available. She further discussed jail diversion programs for those with non-violent personality disorders.

Planning and Zoning (David Dale) Committee will meet to review final plans for the Kings Crossing development (if and when).

Public Safety (Dallas Shawkey) There have been more daytime robberies in the Fort Hunt area, 6 of 7 in unlocked houses, primarily taking purses from dining room tables. Tom (Burgess, Stratford Landing) suggested hitting the car panic button in the event of a robbery in the house.

Earl Flanagan (Riverside Estates) reported that the 'Irish Mafia' (from North Carolina) is conducting door-to-door solicitations and becoming very aggressive; they will try to distract you and get into your home. He pointed out that door-to-door solicitors are required to have a County permit (religious organizations are exempt).

Transportation (Frank Cohn) Golf tournament October 30. Connector road public hearing Tuesday, September 5, at the school or the governmental center.

Fairfax County Federation (Judy Harbeck) Federation is supporting Night Out to focus on crime prevention (leave your lights on, etc.) Federation is getting together with Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to support mass transit oriented development.

Special Committee on Affordable and Workplace Housing (Jerry Ireland)

Show and Tell Jim Davis presented a sample of river sludge as a result of the rain we've had recently; probably aggravated by dumping of raw sewage and by fertilizer (Fairfax County residents buy more fertilizer than all other counties combined).

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That no precipitous action will be taken regarding Route One Transportation before light rail is considered. Passed 20:0:0

2. That Mulligan Road will eventually be the connector road between Route One and Telegraph Road; that Mulligan Road name should continue to avoid confusion. Passed 20:0:0.

3. RE: Crabtree Property Special exception. Applicant had agreed to go 'above and beyond' to comply but now says he will not meet minimum requirements. Resolved that he will be held to the minimum acceptable requirements.

Passed 20:0:0.

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER REPS TIME:

Louise Cleveland introduced the scheduled guest speaker, Barbara Doyle, the new CEO for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and an Inova Senior Vice President. Ms. Doyle described steps taken and those planned, to assure that the Hospital will thrive both in its centers of excellence and in its service as a community hospital.

Carol Coyle, Secretary (from notes taken by George Bauer)

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on September 7th at 7:30 in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Representatives from Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor North, Mount Zephyr, and Wessington Homes attended.

The committee reviewed the history of real estate taxation in Fairfax County. The current average house in Fairfax County is assessed at \$540,746 and pays a real estate tax of \$4,812. If this house appreciated at the residential equalization rates used by Fairfax County from 1990 to 2007, its value in 1990 would have been approximately \$194,760 and the owner would have paid approximately \$2,318 in real estate taxes at that time. This works out to a compounded rate of growth in real estate taxes of 4.40% in nominal terms. Adjusted for inflation, this number would be lower. In FY 2000, this same owner would have paid \$2,460. In nominal numbers, this works out to a compounded rate of 9.29% experienced from FY 2000 to FY 2007.

We are concerned that because real estate is not appreciating as it has in prior years, the growth of real estate tax revenue may slow or even decline. If this is not made up by other areas of revenue, the budget process for FY 2008 may be more difficult than it has been in recent years. Most notably, the school budget will be an area for future concern.

Looking back in time, in 1991, real estate began to decline. By FY 1995, Fairfax County was faced with a serious reduction in cash flow. This time frame could serve to be illustrative of the situation we may eventually face again. The County Executive wrote in the FY 1995 Fairfax County Adopted Budget Overview, "As a result of revenue decreases, spending on infrastructure and maintenance was reduced significantly and the impact of inflation absorbed, merit increases and cost-of-living adjustments for employees were eliminated, employee training was severely curtailed, and hundreds of positions were abolished."

The Co-Chairs of MVCCA have asked Gerry Hyland to nominate Robert Johansson, PhD, (Budget & Finance Committee representative from Williamsburg Manor North) to serve as the Mt. Vernon District representative to the Fairfax County Citizens' Bond Committee.

We resolved to produce a resolution on BRAC in our next meeting which will take place at 7:30 on Wednesday October 4th in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet during September. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on September 6, 2006, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Mount Zephyr, Wellington, Riverside Estates, Sulgrave Manor, Mount Vernon Civic, Stratford on the Potomac IV, and Williamsburg Manor North. The Committee also met on September 12, 2006, with Deirdra McLaughlin, FCPS' chief

financial officer, and Mario Schiavo, FCPS budget director. Members able to attend this daytime meeting included representatives from Riverside Estates, Sulgrave Manor and Wellington.

The September 6 meeting was substantially organizational. The Committee discussed a variety of instructional issues as well as budget matters to be raised at the planned September 12 meeting.

BRAC: School implications from BRAC could be significant but are difficult to measure since it is unclear whether relocation of employees will result in significant relocation of families to surrounding Fairfax areas. Many may already live here, choose to stay where they now live, or relocate south and west. If on-base housing should increase (not planned presently) that would be a serious impact because of the wide disparity in impact aid vs. cost and the lack of excess school capacity in our area. Projected traffic issues and delays are an additional problem for an already stressed bus system. For all these reasons, FCPS participation in the Environmental Impact Statement proceedings is essential. If the MVCCA decides to take a position on BRAC, the Chair was directed to provide input highlighting those issues.

LITERACY: The Committee decided that a primary focus for the year should be literacy programs (functional reading, reading comprehension and critical thinking) at the middle and high school levels where solid skills in these areas are essential to improving performance on all SOLs and on SATs, and to developing lifelong learners who can be successful and adaptable in the workplace.

MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT: The Committee will also continue to focus on minority achievement issues including proven strategies to close the achievement gap while maintaining high standards and steady progress across the board, as well as to increase minority participation in—and preparation for—high level academic course work.

CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS: The Committee also noted that, as the demographics of the County change, expanded career training opportunities need to be developed as a complement to college preparation efforts in recognition that increasing numbers of students do not have enrollment at a 4-year college as an immediate goal upon graduation. Such programs are also instrumental in assisting students (college-bound as well) in developing and working toward viable goals.

The September 12 meeting with FCPS financial staff was wide-ranging.

FY 2007 DEFICIT: One of the first issues discussed was the \$17 million FY2007 (current school year) budget shortfall caused by a Commonwealth error in computing sales tax revenues for schools. Unlike County shares of sales tax revenue, which are based on local sales, school shares are "collected" at state level and divided among local systems on a head count basis; this makes it difficult for localities to verify numbers since they have no ready access to the state-wide figures used for distribution. Compounding the problem was the length of the Legislative session which pushed back the official numbers from the normal April to July. Fairfax staff discovered the error—which was unnoticed by both the Commonwealth education and tax departments—which amounted to \$135M state-wide.

While Gov. Kaine announced the state would endeavor to make-up the shortfall and there are bills pending in the September session to do so, the immediate result was that FCPS had to find at least

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\$13M to balance the budget (ironically the \$17M loss in sales tax would increase basic aid by \$4M for a net \$13M loss). To do so, it immediately recouped all FY2006 carryover funds from schools and departments, causing a great deal of uncertainty for planned summer programs and concern over returning to a counterproductive "use it or lose it" mentality. While most FY2006 school-based carryover (funds essentially "saved" by schools to fund various school-specific programs and teacher training in the summer following the current school year) was restored, if the Commonwealth does not act cuts may be necessary during the school year. If enrollment drops when official figures come out in October and other expenses such as fuel costs prove lower than anticipated, program cuts may be alleviated.

School officials acknowledged that the July recoupment order, and deficit announcement itself, caused a great deal of uproar but noted that fully explanatory information had been sent to all staff, and that principals and school financial officers participated in decisions, and will continue to have a role if cuts need to be made. It was also noted that this was a highly unusual situation and that Commonwealth figures had been very reliable in the past and are usually finalized at a time (April) when budgets can be adjusted should errors appear.

ENROLLMENT: On the enrollment issue, it was noted that the School Board has funded a study to improve accuracy of enrollment predictions which will be useful in budgeting and in determining capital construction needs. Overall enrollment is expected to fall slightly but the percentage of students with higher instructional costs is expected to continue to rise.

FY 2008 OUTLOOK: As it did last year, FCPS has been and will continue to meet with County finance counterparts. For both sides of the budget "aisle" projections are bleak. The FCPS budget guideline given by the County proposes a 3% Transfer increase for FY2008. To fund only basic obligations—no program expansion, no salary scale changes, no additional NCLB efforts, no new all-day kindergarten, a minimal 3% COLA for teachers—would require about a 6% increase, resulting in a potential deficit of as much as \$45M. It should be noted that the County has "promised" in FY2008 to earmark \$8M for teacher master's degree incentives, "outside" of the transfer increase.

The Committee noted that MVCCA, as well as the Fairfax Federation and many other entities, urged the Board of Supervisors to be more circumspect and gradual in reducing the property tax levy. This advice, if followed, would have been some protection for valuable county services—especially schools—which contribute to continued economic growth and quality of life, should there be a precipitous change in economic situation. As it is, unless the Board of Supervisors steps up, it seems clear that schools and other important services will suffer significant damage at a time when needs are increasing due to demographic change and urbanization.

CLUSTER FUNDING: The Committee raised the issue that, although staffing and other funding is adjusted by "weighting" students according to risk groups (minority, ESOL, poor, etc.) funding to Cluster offices is provided on a simple head count basis. This means that our Cluster IV, which is the smallest in population, receives the least funding although it has arguably the greatest need for cluster-provided assistance in teacher training, school-specific needs and instructional enhancements. To compound the problem, because of location and demographics, we lack outside funding sources such as corporate sponsors and school and PTA fundraising for individual school needs generates less revenue than in other parts of the County. FCPS agreed a change might be warranted and to

consider the funding formula further.

NEXT MEETING October 4, 2006, 8 pm, Whitman library
SPEAKER Dr. Brian Binggeli,
new Cluster 4 Assistant Superintendent

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met Sept. 6, 7:30 PM Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School: Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Zephyr, Newington Forest, Spiegel's Landing, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, three representatives from Fairfax County Storm Water Planning Division, MVCCA Co-Chair Reynolds and Mr Conrad Mehan, owner of Lorton Construction Landfill.

The Storm Water Planning Division of Fairfax County Dept of Public Works presented their views and outlook on the recent Huntington flooding event. There are three analysis addressing the causes of the June 26, 2006 flooding event by Corps of Engineers (COE), VDOT and Fairfax County. Committee questions can not be fully answered until completion of the County study about December 2006. All figures and assumptions must be checked and cross checked to provide accurate information to the public. The public will be fully informed of all methods and findings of these studies around this time.

Committee members questioned why the tidal section of Cameron Run was not included in the Cameron Run Watershed Study. It was explained that the final portion of Cameron Run terminates at approximately I-95, where it then crosses into the City of Alexandria and ultimately into Federal Right-of-Way for the Beltway, before discharging into the Potomac River. The portion bordering Huntington is considered right-of-way for the Beltway.

The Committee was asked to serve as a conduit of factual information conveyance to the larger public. These studies will be complicated to present concisely and accurately to the MVCCA and the public at-large.

Mr Conrad Mehan, representing the Lorton Construction Landfill, presented the Special Exception Amendment to reclaim a construction debris landfill and to turn it over to the Fairfax County Park Authority. Currently the 250 acre site has 6 to 7 years of use left and is located on Landfill Rd across from the Fairfax County Energy Resource Facility in the Laurel Hill area. This project has and is being closely examined by the South County Federation of Civic Associations. The proposed timetable was presented as closing in 2018 and being turned over after 10 years of environmental monitoring in 2028. The Special Exception Amendment asks to increase the height from 290' to 412'. There is currently \$16M set aside for environmental mitigation if necessary.

A sense of the Committee seemed approving of the idea to reclaim landfill property for park purposes. In this case, it is not out of character to the surrounding topography or land uses. The Fairfax County owned landfill across the road from the subject site is allowed to rise to 408' high.

Other environmental issues, settling and concentrated amounts of arsenic from pressure treated wood, increases of storm water and

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adequate detention facilities does concern the Committee. To date, the applicant said there have been no violations of water quality recorded by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The Committee was given a proposed plan to standardize Committee procedures. This can be considered and voted on at the October meeting.

Next meeting: October 4, 7:30 PM Room E-114,
Mt Vernon High School

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Sept. 5 with eight MVCCA member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Glen, Mount Zephyr, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, and Wessington. Kris Rosenthal, president of the Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center's Citizen Advisory Board, attended. Our guest resource, Sarah Allen, Region I Community Developer for the county Dept. of Systems Management for Human Services (DSM), is also a Mount Vernon District resident.

Coordinating services, locally and countywide

In her eighth year of human services work for the County, Sarah Allen has had direct experience this past year with service coordination in Mount Vernon and has met many community volunteers in connection with such efforts as: (1) the Region I Hypothermia Project (which combined county human services professionals with trained "VIC" volunteers from the interfaith group Ventures in Community); (2) the Neighborhood College, which promotes civic engagement through training sessions for local community leaders, most recently a program in Spanish; and (3) county response to those impacted by flooding in the Huntington area.

The Systems Management department works to weave together the many county and private nonprofit agencies that provide critical pieces of an effective response for a family in need, or a neighborhood, or a more widespread area or region. The department provides coordinated services planning, with trained professionals responding to calls for assistance with human services needs, through a single "one stop" telephone service: 703-222-0880. At the neighborhood and regional level, staff encourage partnerships. As examples of coordinated efforts underway for the coming year, Ms. Allen cited Community Dialogues growing out of the county Homelessness Summit last spring, the work of the county's Domestic Violence Coordination Council, and a "Respite Day 2006" planned for grandparents (and other relatives) caring for grandchildren.

Committee members discussed lessons learned from response to weather-related disasters such as the recent Cameron Run flooding. Volunteer Fairfax is a program that has developed a database of volunteers who can be notified and provided with identification on short notice, then organized for action through quick training and specific short-term assignments. Plans are underway to build on such experience, by holding a countywide training on Dec. 1 for about 300 volunteers on "Pandemic Flu" and by recruiting community volunteers for training for other potential emergency response, to enable communities to cope in situations when fire and police "first responders" are delayed.

Ms. Allen provided a packet of informational items, distributed the services Quick Guide 2006 prepared for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (also available on line at

www.novaregion.org), and pointed to two informative reports recently developed for the county and available in print and electronically through the county web site, the 2005 Youth Survey and 2006 "Anticipating the Future" study of major county trends: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm.

Next meeting rescheduled:

The October HHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4 (not Tuesday), to allow committee representatives to participate at the Oct. 3 area task force meeting described below. Scheduled guest resource, Barbara Doyle, CEO of Mount Vernon Hospital and Inova Senior VP, plans to meet with the HHS Committee Tuesday, Nov. 7, instead. MVCCA members with questions or concerns related to the meetings listed below may call the HHS chair.

Community meetings—open to the public

Note: Several public meetings are rescheduled since announcement in the July *Record*.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Southeast Health Planning Task Force, 7 p.m., Supervisor's Conf. Room, Mount Vernon Government Center. Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780-1773. Re: Healthcare planning issues for Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex.

Tuesday, October 3, Route One Task Force for Human Services, 7 p.m., South County Center, 2nd floor. Reports are scheduled from state legislative representatives and from the executive director of the Community Services Board. Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773. (MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee representatives are urged to participate in this public forum.)

Wednesday, Oct. 4, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee, 7:30 p.m., Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2nd Floor Conf. Room C, Louise Cleveland, Chair 703/780-9151.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, MVCCA HHS Committee, 7:30 p.m., Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Conf. Room, Louise Cleveland, Chair 703/780-9151.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hybla Valley Farms, Montebello, Mt Vernon, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, United Voice of Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wessington, and Williamsburg Manor North. Two land use cases were heard; one was deferred, the other was opposed.

Planning Commissioner John Byers informed the Committee that a 2232 application had been filed to convert a building to house the mentally ill and people recovering from substance abuse. However, the location is close to a school, and the Comprehensive Plan forbids substance abuse facilities near a school.

Neal McBride announced that the Lorton Workhouse is having an "open house" on September 16 from 10:30 to 3:00. This event will have entertainment and a tour of the Workhouse before renovation begins.

The Committee Chair, David Dale, distributed draft copies of the revised Developer Guidelines. This document explains how the Committee operates, how to get on the Committee agenda, and provides guidance to developers on what criteria the Committee uses to evaluate a proposed development.

The first land use case was an out-of-turn Plan amendment (S06-IV-LP01) at the intersection of Lorton Road and Richmond Highway. The proposed change would add language permitting drive-thru facilities for a proposed bank and pharmacy. The Committee voted to defer until the exact amendment language is available for review.

The second land use case was a rezoning of 9.4 acres from R-1 to PDH-3 on Wildwood Street in Lorton. The proposed development is for 21 single family homes priced over one million dollars. The Committee didn't see justification for the PDH zone instead of a regular R-2 zone, and voted to oppose. The developer plans to return to the Committee in October. *The Council's Board of Directors voted to not publish this resolution pending the developer's return to the Committee.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is Monday, October 2, 2006, at 7:30 PM, in the Jack Knowles lecture hall of Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane.

The Committee's web site www.mvcca-pz.org has additional information and supporting documents.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair opened the meeting with a short discussion of the last meeting which was a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee in July during which we heard presentations from James Thur, Director of the Fairfax Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) and members of his staff. A major concern remains the shortage of mental health beds for persons that are arrested and need mental health care.

This discussion was followed by a review of some of the presentations during the last year and a request by the chair for items of concern and ideas for subjects to review during the next year. The following are the initial ideas for the next year: (1) Security for businesses, (2) Public safety help to communities on the west side of Richmond Hwy that do not have active community associations, (3) Review of Mount Vernon Hospital emergency services for victims, (4) Homeland Security support for Fairfax County, (5) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), (6) Update on the Gangs in Mount Vernon District, (7) Park Police, and (8) Virginia State Troopers. Additional items to continue following include the crosswalk at Richmond Hwy at Fort Hunt Road, and police support for persons with Alzheimer disease.

The chair then provided copies of information sheets he received during the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) meeting he attended the previous evening at the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). The CJAB was given an overview of the JDC by the Superintendent, George Corbin. The JDC currently is a 121 bed facility in Fairfax City under the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Currently, part of it is being modified to provide a temporary separate 22 bed facility for girls while a new separate girls probation building is built beginning in March 2007.

Dave Grabauskas, Director, Boys Probation House, discussed his 22 bed facility. This is used largely for boys about to be released on probation. Many are coming back from state facilities. Some have no place to go as their families are either broken or will have nothing to do with them (about 50% of them). Some boys are sex offenders and need continuing probation services and monitoring. Probationers receive about two years of services to help them finish their education, learn about how to find employment, and learn how to retain employment, e. g., learn to go to work on time. They are also assigned any community services required by their sentences. He also directs a separate 16 bed Therapeutic Program for boys between 14 and 17. It provides individual, group, and family counseling. 3 teachers for their education, a daily schedule and monitoring after they leave the facility.

Susan Ward, Director, Girls Probation House, discussed her 12 bed facility which will be replaced with a new 22 bed facility. Her program is similar to the boys program. The numbers of girls sentenced to juvenile detention has been growing so more probation services are needed for them when they complete their sentences. 80-100% have experienced trauma. Pregnancy and STDs are problems. There are 2 teachers for their educational needs.

Peter Roussos is Director of the Less Secure Shelter. This is a 12 bed facility for 10 to 17 year old boys and girls. These are teenagers who are ordered by the court to remain in custody while a determination is made concerning their future. 30 days is supposed to be the limit but the time spent there can be from 10 to 90 days. 65% of the residents are girls. The Shelter provides a stable environment and services for serious emotional problems while they continue with their normal activities. Some are involved in gangs. Many have family problems. Since they have not been sentenced, technically they can run away. Shelter counselors cannot stop them, but they call the police to pick up the teenagers and return them. Last year 12 % tried to run away.

Tom Jackson, is Director of the Supervised Release Program. He has 11 probation officers for 50-60 teenagers in the program. 25 of them are on electronic monitoring. Starting this month the monitoring can include GPS so that the probation officers can know exactly where the probationers are. This is important for those convicted of sex offenses. The program is intended to enforce the conditions of court orders. This includes drug testing.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in Community Rm. 3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center beginning at 7:30pm, Thursday, October 5, 2006.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on September 5, 2006 in the Walt Whitman Intermediate School Library. Attending were Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; Mr. David Dale, Chair P&Z Committee; and representatives from 19 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest Heights, Milway Meadows, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessington, Williamsburg Manor, Woodland Park)

Four Representatives of the firm Walgreen provided an overview of traffic arrangements at the entrances/exits to the compound on Route #1 and Boswell Ave, updating their prior presentation to the

Committee, earlier this year. The traffic on Boswell was under contention. Current drawings indicate two lanes West, with one lane designated for a right turn into Route #1 and one lane East; however, the builder assured that there is ample room for eastbound traffic to go around any cars stopped to await their turn into the Walgreen compound, unfortunately this would imply that the proposed sidewalk be violated. The primary contention concerned the option of the placement of a "pork chop" which would preclude a left turn for traffic exiting the Walgreen compound into Boswell. Communities affected by Boswell traffic were on opposite sides of this option. A compromise plan which proposed the placement of signs prohibiting a left turn during rush hours was defeated by a 10:2 vote; it was deemed as unenforceable. The Committee voted 9:7 for the option not to place the "pork chop" at the exit; however, the builder, with his concurrence, was requested to monitor the traffic flow and report back to the committee within a year's time, providing traffic volume counts, to see if a "pork chop" is subsequently needed, to provide safety and enhance traffic flow. Additionally, the builder was to monitor traffic flow at the service road entrance on the North side of the property where cut-through traffic may present a problem.

The Committee next considered the adoption of a propose resolution entitled "Quick Take" The resolution was drafted after discussions about the construction of a small sidewalk segments on the East side of Highway #1 stretching from Griffin Plumbing to the Woodlawn Office Park, a distance of less than 100 yards. A sidewalk was constructed up to Griffin Plumbing at the completion of drainage pipe replacement project, however the property owner declined to permit a continuing sidewalk construction on his property and no easement exists for the County to take unilateral action. The only remaining option is condemnation proceedings. At that point, the legal obstacles involved were surfaced. Condemnation proceedings, when ordered by the responsible elected official, is effected in two fashions: When roadways are required, the condemnation takes the "Quick Take" path, which provides for an immediate taking of the property in question with legal confirmation obtained within a year's time; however, when sidewalks, trails, utility work or other needs are at issue, currently only the "Slow Take" action is permissible. Under that option, the taking of the property is delayed until all legal issues are resolved, which means a delay of two or more years before any construction action is feasible. The proposed resolution, printed elsewhere in the Record, intends to provide the same quick path for sidewalks, needed for the safety of pedestrians, as is currently provided for roadways. The resolution will not solicit or enhance added condemnation action; it will only come into play, in those instances, when the elected official deems the need for condemnation action; under those circumstances, the resolution provides for speedy implementation of sidewalk construction for the safety of the walking public. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 Yes, 4 No and 3 Abstentions.

The Committee was updated on the following:

- (1) A Public Meeting on the Route #1/Telegraph Road connector has been scheduled for Sep 7 and comments for any changes are solicited. Similarly, comments can be submitted on changes desired in the BRAC plans for Fort Belvoir. Mr. Flanagan alerted the committee that currently no Traffic Management Plan support the BRAC reorganization. A resolution for this purpose will be drafted by Mr. Flanagan and circulated to committee members by e-mail for comments. The resolution is printed elsewhere in the Record.
- (2) The date for the upcoming Mount Vernon Golf Tournament in support of funds for the construction of sidewalks on Old Mill

Road has been changed to Monday, October 30, 2006, to enable attendance by the Supervisor.

- (3) The first segment of sidewalk on Old Mill Road to be funded by the Country Club proffer, will cost approximately \$65,000; however only \$50,000 is currently available. The Supervisor is examining how to fill the shortfall.
- (4) The Federation is now ready to vote on their revised Resolution restricting the parking of oversized vehicles. Earl Flanagan was urged to delay this vote until his presence is feasible.
- (5) Mr. Neil McBride advised of an Open House at the prior prison property from 1030 – 3 PM on Sep 16, 2006. A handout was provided.
- (6) Mr. Dale requested our concurrence for his attempt to assure adequate prior notification before administrative staff offer waivers to sidewalk or trail construction in the approval of construction plans. Members of the Transportation Committee voiced their concurrence.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2006 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 on August 31st with 8 voting members present: United Voice at Kings Crossing; Villa May Comm. Assn; Riverside Estates; Collingwood on Potomac; Stratford Landing; Mt. Zephyr Citizens Assn; Hunting Creek Club Apts.; Sulgrave Manor;

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with a 30-minute presentation from the National Modular Housing Council (NMHC) presented by Thayer Long. The presentation was very informative on the use of modular structures to build homes at a below market rate. The committee is looking to invite the NMHC to present information to the council at some point in the future.

The first item presented to the committee was the housing resolution in regards to the multiple school property sites and how they will be used i.e. for park/housing/development. After much consideration the presented resolution passed to committee 8-0-0.

The second resolution brought to the committee was in regards to the precedence set this last month by the RHA to expand housing qualifications for one of the recent projects to families making up to 100% of the Area Median Income. The committee discussed this issue at great length and the presented resolution lays out the consensus of the committee that a cap of 60% of the AMI should apply to all county "affordable housing" initiatives. This resolution also passed the committee 8-0-0.

The "Definition of Moderate Income in Fairfax County" report by the George Mason University was presented to the committee to be added to next month's agenda for comment and considerations. The Harvard Institute of Economic Research released a study on "The Impact of Zoning on Housing Affordability" which was also introduced to the committee for future discussion and comments.

The next meeting of the SCAWH will be on September 28th 2006 at the Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room 3.

BRAC Fort Belvoir Parking Plans

WHEREAS, Mount Vernon Council member associations were invited and attended a July 12 Mount Zephyr Civic Association briefing about Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) plans for Fort Belvoir, and

WHEREAS, the briefing by the Base Commander revealed that public transportation will not be able to provide a significant number of the additional 22,000 employees with transportation to Fort Belvoir by 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Base Commander then revealed that current plans call for 1 parking space for each of the expected 22,000 jobs that are being transferred to Fort Belvoir, a space larger than their office space, and

WHEREAS, Objective 1 of the Fairfax County Transportation Policy Plan requires all new development to reduce single-occupancy-vehicle (SOV) use, and

WHEREAS, in that regard, Objective 5, policy b. requires new developments to promote Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies including tele-working, tele-conferencing, tele-education, alternative work schedules, and flexible work hours, and

WHEREAS: Objective 5, policy i. requires new development to develop TDM strategies and programs in conjunction with local jurisdictions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations that Mount Vernon District Congressmen, Virginia Legislators, and Fairfax County Supervisors require BRAC plans for Fort Belvoir include TDM strategies and programs that dissuade the use of SOV access to Fort Belvoir, including the use of staggered arrival and departure time over a 3 hour period, a specific percentage of carpools, and telecommuting with local jurisdiction assistance.

RESOLUTION: 'QUICK TAKE' CONDEMNATION ACTION

WHEREAS, Condemnation action of real property is a decision taken by government when public welfare is deemed so important as to override private property rights, and

WHEREAS, two type of condemnation actions are legally available, 'Slow Take' and 'Quick Take', and

WHEREAS, 'Slow Take' is at least a two year process responding to needs for sidewalks, trails and bus stops, among other actions, wherein

no land rights pass until the legal process is completed, and

WHEREAS, 'Quick Take' is a much faster process serving the needs for roads, and associated drainage and sanitary sewers, wherein land rights pass immediately when legal action is initiated, and

WHEREAS, legislative action to allow 'Quick Take' action for the construction of sidewalks, trails and bus stops on behalf of pedestrian safety has been proposed in the Virginia legislature, but so far has failed to be adopted, and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety has long been a low priority for developers as well as governmental entities, in spite of the numbers of pedestrian injuries and fatalities due to inadequate traffic safety engineering.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected officials representing the Mount Vernon District in the Virginia Legislature urge the prompt adoption of the 'Quick Take' option for sidewalks, trails and bus stops, where concerns for pedestrian safety require swift and decisive action.

SURPLUS SCHOOL PROPERTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board is poised to transfer 10 of its vacant school sites and two office building to the Board of Supervisors in exchange for \$150 million more in construction funding over the next six years, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Gerry Connolly said the 191.1 acres of surplus properties could be used for recreation, affordable housing or sold off for development, and

WHEREAS, at least five of the properties (121.1 acres) consisting of 60 acre Baron Cameron in Reston, 10.5 acre Blake Lane in Fairfax, 13.1 acre Lake Braddock in Burke, 24.6 acre Spring Hill in McLean and 12.9 acre Rolling Wood in Springfield will probably remain designated as parkland, and

WHEREAS, five of the properties (62.8 acres) consisting of 13.9 acre Old Dominion in McLean, 10.2 acre Dead Run in McLean, 13.7 acre Lawyers's Road in Vienna, 13 acre Fairfax Park in Springfield and 12.7 acre Hickory Run in Vienna are located near the major employment centers of Tysons Corner, Vienna, Dulles Corridor and Fairfax City, and

WHEREAS, 2006 workforce households with annual incomes of 50% to 120% of the Area Median Income (\$47,500 to \$104,500) can only afford to own homes that cost between \$142,500 and \$315,000, and

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WHEREAS, the surplus school properties are located near major employment centers that are lacking in nearby workforce housing that costs between \$142,500 and \$315,000, thereby forcing employees to waste time and income traveling greater distances, adding to traffic congestion, air pollution, and

WHEREAS, approximately 45,000 rental households out of 350,000 households in Fairfax County can be homeowners if housing between \$142,500, and \$315,000 is available near major employment centers and

WHEREAS, County ownership of surplus school properties can assure a significant portion of workforce households need by the use of covenants, planning or zoning controls that assures a mix of housing costing between \$142,500 and \$315,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors plan and rezone all or parts of five surplus school sites near major employment centers so as to provide opportunities for single family detached homes that cost between \$142,500 to \$315,000 similar to those currently available only at the Meadows of Chantilly.

RESOLUTION: Definition of Income Limits for Affordable and Workforce Housing

WHEREAS, the mission of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing is to promote new rental and ownership housing opportunities through the development of various programs and incentives that encourage increased availability of workforce homes in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Committee include recommendations with an emphasis on workforce housing to assist the County of Fairfax and the Mt. Vernon District in planning for and creating new market rate homes for the workforce families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the MVCCA has made a distinction between Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing in order to develop or apply recommendations to existing or future proposed programs; and

WHEREAS, MVCCA has defined affordable and workforce housing as follows:

Affordable Housing means 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 payment of principal and interest, taxes that 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 thirty percent of the gross household income of the low and or moderate income occupants of the housing.

Workforce Housing means 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. Such housing available in a broad price range represents a basic requirement for the core workforce in the county.

WHEREAS, the RHA has voted and approved to raise some existing programs under "affordable housing" from 60% of the area median income to 100% of the area median income; and

WHEREAS, county staff makes no distinction between defining "affordable" and "workforce" as two separate items;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests the Board of Supervisors' to reject any proposal to increase the median income on any "affordable housing" program above 60% of the Area Median Income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ALL funding for "affordable housing" be spent only on housing programs helping families making less than 60% of the area median income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MVCCA recommends the Board of Supervisors' define "workforce housing" as 60% to 120% of the area median income with a clear focus on unsubsidized solutions to the housing problems.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2006 through September 14, 2006

	Budget 2006	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
Balance Beginning Period		\$2,188.93	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,524.00	\$24.00
Record Subscriptions	\$345.00	\$225.00	-\$120.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$2,833.00	\$188.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,490.00	\$7,582.00	\$92.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,800.00	\$3,655.27	\$1,144.73
Administrative	\$625.00	\$110.56	\$514.44
Gala	\$2,500.00	\$1,654.11	\$845.89
Web Site	\$690.00	\$405.00	\$285.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,015.00	\$5,924.94	\$3,090.06
Balance Ending Period 7/13/06		\$3,845.99	

COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2006

MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday Oct 12, 7:30 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
10/4 W 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
10/3 T 8:30	COAF	WWMSPCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
10/4 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS PC	George Bauer	703.768.1774
10/4 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
10/4 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
10/5 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
10/2 M 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
10/2 M 7:30	PL/Z	MVGC	David Dale	703.765.8247
9/28 Th 7:00	SCAWH	MVGC-1	Jerry Ireland	703.768.6923

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