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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 25th 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

Wednesday, September 27th 2006 8 pm

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

Unavailable

Announcements

A nominating committee has been appointed pursuant to the MVCCA Bylaws to nominate persons for office in the Council. Two co-chairs will finish their statutory periods of service and are prevented from re-nomination. Nominations must be offered for all positions as officer, whether or not mandatorily or otherwise vacated. Incumbents may be re-nominated for the positions they are occupying. Leadership of the Council is critical to its continued effective performance. Work with the Council offers the opportunity to learn more about the functioning of County government and to offer beneficial recommendations for improvement of services. Those interested in being nominated can contact Queenie Cox, Nominating Committee Chair, or a Committee member: Queenie Cox, Bob Coyle, Earl Flanagan, Jerry Ireland, Scott Taylor, or a member of the Board of Directors. In nominating some person other than yourself, please ensure that person is willing to serve. Your participation is invited.

Council's Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2006
Election of Officers and Bylaws Amendments

REMINDER: The Second Annual MVCCA Golf Tournament still is open to registration for participation On Monday, October 30th at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Announcement and registration information were contained on flyers with the last two RECORDS and are available on the Council website. Register to play, and perhaps win, in a good cause. Come on out!

REMINDER: The November Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st to avoid meeting on Thanksgiving Eve. Please mark your calendars as necessary. Location and time are the same: Walt Whitman Middle School, 8:00 pm.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on October 4th at 7:30 in the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Representatives from Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Stratford on the Potomac, Sec. IV, Williamsburg Manor North, and Wessynton Homes attended. Al Bornmann conducted the meeting.

As a result of "BRAC", some 22,000 plus Federal employees are scheduled to be relocated to Ft. Belvoir. At this point in time, the cost to Fairfax County has not yet been determined. However, the impact on the County's infrastructure and support services is expected to be significant. As we understand the funding programs, monies have only been allocated to the structures and services needed on the post, not to the surrounding community. Support is further reduced to the County because offices for the relocated jobs will be built on post precluding the County from receiving real estate tax revenue from the buildings built directly on Ft. Belvoir.

Further, the Army will allow a currently unnamed provider to construct a hotel and entertainment park on post property in exchange for building and maintaining the Army Museum to be located at the same location. We wish to remind the County and the Army that because these are commercial use projects located on U.S. Government property, the County is obligated to collect special taxes on entertainment facilities and hotels.

With this in mind, the committee produced two resolutions: One requests to identify the County's funding needed to support the relocation of these jobs to Ft. Belvoir while the other addresses the County's obligation to collect special taxes on entertainment facilities and hotels.

Also, there were two errors in our September minutes. The last sentence of our second paragraph should have read: "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 \$2,585. In nominal numbers, this works out to a compounded rate of 10%."

Our next meeting will be held on November 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Our special guests will be Barbara Emerson & Marsha Wilds from the Fairfax County Budget and Finance Department with a mid-year update on the County's FY 2007 Budget.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs committee held a virtual meeting. The following information and reminders were provided to committee members:

- a. personal property taxes due October 5th
 - b. MVCCA meeting October 25th at Walt Whitman Middle School at 8pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall
 - c. election day - November 7th
 - d. website to locate the cheapest gas in the area:
<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>
 - e. product reviews and reports website:
<http://www.consumersearch.com>
3. Update on Steve Sinclair, speaker for the Council on Utilities
 4. Determine list of topics and/or speakers for 2007
 5. Remaining meetings for 2006
November 7th - same day as Election Day:
reschedule or cancel
December 5th

The following information was also provided:

1. Fairfax County Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1742 is holding its annual recruitment and informational meeting on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters.
2. Sample of a review from the consumer search website (you can see the review if you access the website). Cell phone comparisons were selected.
3. Information about the FDIC Consumer Affairs Program - you can access the information by visiting its website
<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumers/affairs/goal.html>
4. Information for residents about the 2006 bond referendums that will be on the ballot on November 7th. If you have not yet received this information in the mail, you can access it from the fairfax county website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov>
5. Virginia 2007 - America's 400th Anniversary: If you have not heard about Jamestown 2007, this is an event that began in May 2006 and will end during the fall of 2007 celebrating the 400th Anniversary of America. The committee may provide an information packet for the MVCCA about the events that will be held in Fairfax County and Mt. Vernon. The website is <http://www.jamestown2007.org>

As a result of the majority of responses from committee members, there will not be a meeting on November 7th because it will be Election night. As an alternative, the committee will provide a guest speaker (Steve Sinclair) for the General Council meeting on November 21st. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference room.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on October 4, 2006, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman Middle School. The following associations were represented: Sulgrave Manor, New Gum Springs, Wellington, Spring Bank, Waynewood, Riverside Estates, Williamsburg Manor North, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Mount Vernon Manor, and Mount Vernon Civic.

The featured speaker was Dr. Brian Binggeli, new Cluster Assistant Superintendent (CAS) for Cluster 4, which includes the West Potomac and Mount Vernon High School Pyramids.

Dr. Binggeli took the CAS position in July 2006 and, unlike the usual annual meeting with the CAS which customarily focuses on specific issues and test scores, the Committee's purpose was to meet Dr. Binggeli and learn something about his background and philosophy, as well as his perspective, as a relative newcomer to FCPS, on the needs and issues facing our local schools.

Dr. Binggeli comes to Cluster 4 with 26 years of experience in public education, most recently as director of curriculum and instruction (all levels) for Spotsylvania County. He began his career as a high school social studies teacher, became a department chair and eventually a principal at both middle and high school levels. He was Virginia Middle School Principal of the Year in 2002. Thereafter, he became director of middle school education in Spotsylvania County, succeeding to his last position in charge of instruction at all school levels when a Commonwealth School Efficiency Audit recommended creation of that position.

The Committee was particularly interested to learn that Dr. Binggeli has specific successful experience in schools with significant disadvantaged populations and has studied so-called "Against All Odds" schools ie schools with high numbers of minority or economically disadvantaged students which statistically outperform schools with both similar and less challenging demographics. He also emphasized that while staff must "revere" data, that reverence must extend beyond performance on formal tests to include on-going formative assessment of individual students and classes as well as evaluation of trends and performance over time to be truly useful in demonstrating successful practices and directing effective delivery of services.

Binggeli also indicated that he is a "hands-on" manager and expects the same of principals and other members of school leadership teams in order to build a culture committed to the service of children, with a collaborative professional teaching community passionately committed to high standards and success. The Committee was pleased to hear him also strongly indicate that a primary support to that culture is also a commitment to finding and employing the operational methodology which will make success a reality. Thus, he is a strong believer in unearthing and sharing best practices and will assist, encourage and expect principals and staff to seek out information and suggestions and share experiences not only within the Cluster or FCPS, but also other counties or outside sources.

At this time, Dr. Binggeli's immediate goals for Cluster 4 are:
(1) Methodology: Strengthening methodology—not just content—in the classroom to better engage and challenge students to reach higher levels of thought and analysis;

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(2) **Mastery:** Improving formative assessment so there is a continual process of “diagnose initial mastery/assess progress/ provide feedback/reassess” throughout the school year so there can be purposeful immediate intervention by administration, teachers, parents and students should weaknesses appear, before the result is failure or an inadequate preparation for the next level;

(3) **Instructional Leadership Capacity:** Assuring that all school leadership team members (such as Department Chairs and Lead Teachers) have real meaningful input to instructional leadership; that staff meetings further the Professional Learning Community goals by promoting interchange of ideas and successful practices on methodology and mastery and by taking in-house primary responsibility for student success, and that principals and leadership team provide regular informal in-class assessment, observation, and feedback to assist all staff in improving classroom performance and locating and utilizing available resources.

Many of the goals and philosophies expressed by Dr. Binggeli have been discussed and generally advocated by the Committee for some time. Members expressed their support but also their concerns, and made clear both an intention to be vigilant and to assist where possible to improve progress and performance in our very diverse schools.

In other matters, a member reported on the status of issues surrounding the possible placement of a cell phone monopole at Mount Vernon High School.

Also briefly discussed was the committee's position on BRAC as it potentially affects local schools. The Committee recognized that while there is currently little information on which to base an informed opinion, the Chair, if desired by the MVCCA Board, should prepare a short resolution, or paragraphs for inclusion in a multi-committee resolution, presenting general concerns about school capacity, bus issues caused by potential gridlock, and particular concerns should any future plan include additional on-base housing.

Next meeting: November 1, 2006, 8 pm, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met Wed, Oct 4, 7:30 PM Room E-114 Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon Manor (2), Mt Zephyr (3), Mt Vernon Mobile Homes (3), Potomac Valley/ River Bend, Spiegel's Landing, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor representatives from BC Consultants and EnviroSolutions.

The Committee heard follow up to the Landfill to Park land issue in the Laurel Hill Area. It was voted to send a letter of approval of the project, as presented, to the South County Federation outlining the Committee's concerns and resolution of concerns. The presentation was received with a level of comfort that allowed such approval. All substantive issues were resolved to the Committee's satisfaction.

The Committee was briefed on a wetlands issue in the Woodland Park/ Wessynton areas of Little Hunting Creek. Many different agencies (Fairfax County Wetlands Board, Virginia Inland Marine,

and Virginia Dept of Environmental Quality with specific jurisdictions) could be involved in the final decision as to allow construction of a dock, boat lift and boardwalk on a Wessynton HOA's maintained channel. The lawyer presented a summary history and different plans to execute such a desired dock and boardwalk from Woodland Park across Wessynton HOA's common property to Little Hunting Creek. The Committee examined a plan that would remove a minimum of 500 square feet of wetlands. It was noted that mitigation of removed wetlands could be accomplished in the backyard of the Woodland Park property requesting the dock, boat lift and boardwalk.

It appears that the Woodland Park property has no riparian rights to access the water from that site, except for a 1968 agreement that was never executed. Since that time, environmental regulations, especially along shorelines and in wetlands have changed. It was also noted that Woodland Park has a community boat launch for such purposes. Many environmental issues have not been resolved.

A report on Regional Air Quality was offered to the Committee and requested that all should attend an **October 19 Open House at Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street Washington DC 3rd Floor Board Room 5-7 PM**. This could be especially pertinent in light of BRAC development in Fort Belvoir.

The chair distributed a presentation to the Board of Supervisors/ Environment Committee about changes in the State's Storm Water Regulations.

The Committee was briefed on the proposed riparian restoration along the stream in Mt Zephyr Park. It appears that the 1982 Master Plan for Mt Zephyr Park is at odds with current regulations of the Dept of Public Works (DPWES). It was noted that the invasive species plant lists for the Park Authority is different from the DPWES list. Mt Zephyr CA is asking if the Park Authority can claim deferred maintenance upon the Park site. Currently, the Committee was told that all riparian restorations are on hold throughout the County.

The Committee heard from a Mt Vernon Manor resident about storm water increase impact, from a proposed plan by Master Roofing and Siding discharging across Gateshead Road. The Committee directed the chair to write a letter about historic knowledge of this current problem and make recommendations to outfall the run-off to Richmond Highway and recommend a 10% decrease in peak flow instead of reiterating the County Policy of no net increase of peak flow.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 7:30 PM November 1, Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The October HHS meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct. 4, to allow committee representatives to participate in the Oct. 3 Route One Task Force for Human Services (as announced in the Sept. RECORD). Participating in the Task Force meeting were Collingwood on Potomac, Gum Springs, Hollin Hills, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington and Mount Zephyr. Meeting as the committee on Oct. 4 were Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, and Sulgrave Manor.

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The Resolution drafted at the Oct. 4 HHS meeting, Restoring State Funds for Child Care Assistance and Referral (CCAR), passed unanimously. It was then circulated electronically to the full committee, so that those unable to attend the meeting on the rescheduled date could have opportunity to review it before it is considered by the General Council. In addition to the 5 representatives approving the Resolution Oct. 4, the following 8 registered their approval electronically by Oct. 11: Hollin Glen, Mount Vernon C.A., Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley/River Bend, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor, William Randall Estates, Wellington.

The Route One Task Force meeting had a full agenda, with 3 of our local state representatives to the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates—Sen. Toddy Puller, Del. Kris Amundson, and Del. David Englin—reporting on the fate of human services initiatives in the long and contentious session. Programs that make quality child care affordable for low-income working families have long been recognized as highly effective and have enjoyed bipartisan support; yet the legislative leadership did not allow any floor consideration of the impact on localities of a severe reduction of funding to these critical programs in the state budget, a source of grief to many. The reduction in state funding to localities has considerable impact on our local low-income working families, and on childcare providers as well. Because the Governor has responsibility for current-year reviews of revenue and spending, as well as proposing the budget for the next year, it is believed that broad-based public expressions of support for restored CCAR funding, through letters from individual citizens and through statements from nonpartisan civic organizations such as the MVCCA, can be especially effective now.

The second part of the Route One TF meeting centered on the mental health system, with Community Services Board (CSB) Exec. Dir. James Thur reporting. Two important documents were circulated. One was the County Executive's Sept. 22 status report on the "blue-ribbon" Beeman Commission, to be named soon and begin work in January, to "comprehensively examine the mental health services" provided by the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB, to provide a "vision and framework for a revamped mental health delivery system grounded in best practices." The Commission's report and recommendations are anticipated in time for the FY2009 budget process. The other document was an Overview of the presentation recently made in Richmond by the Northern Virginia Regional Strategic Planning Partnership to the (state) Joint Commission on Health Care's Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee. This regional Overview makes clear that many issues need attention and action long before the FY2009 budget process. The CSB and citizen advocates will need to seek out areas where steps toward progress can occur now.

The Oct. 4 HHS meeting, in addition to drafting the Child Care Assistance resolution that appears in this Record for Council consideration, prioritized among five areas we see as demanding a careful focus in coming months: the county's evolving "strategy" on homelessness (inc. affordable housing), community dialogue with CSB on mental health issues, southeast healthcare planning issues, "joint" issues with the MVCCA Education and Public Safety committees, community preparedness for disasters (and the County's "Pandemic" preparation), and service needs among the growing elderly population.

Community meetings—open to the public

Saturday, Oct. 28, Women's Group of Mount Vernon (at Good Shepherd Housing) sponsors "I Love Myself—I Know I'm Grand: A Celebration of Women," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., South County Center. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this day celebrates women as survivors. Mattie Palmore or Kari Warren, 703 768-9404.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, MVCCA HHS Committee, 7:30 p.m. (Note: Election Day, polls close 7 p.m.) Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Conf. Room. Barbara Doyle, CEO of Mount Vernon Hospital and Inova Senior VP, will be our guest resource. Louise Cleveland, Chair 703/780-9151.

Saturday, Nov. 18, Community Dialogue (sponsored by MVCCA's SCAWH Committee), 10-12 a.m., Sherwood Hall Library, on Affordable and Workforce Housing. Joan McLellan 703 360-5034.

Monday, Nov. 27, Route One Task Force on Human Services, 7 p.m., South County Center, meets on affordable housing and on ending homelessness. Convener Anne Andrews 703 780-1773.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with representatives from the following associations: Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlin Forest, Middle Valley, Montebello, Mt Vernon, Mt Vernon Mobile Homes, Mt Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, and Williamsburg Manor North. Four land use cases were heard resulting in three resolutions. Additionally, one resolution from the floor was passed.

The first land use case was a reconsideration of an out-of-turn Plan amendment (S06-IV-LP01) at the intersection of Lorton Road and Richmond Highway to add language permitting drive-thru facilities for a proposed bank and pharmacy. Pamela Nee of the county planning staff reported on the staff recommendation, but since the applicant did not attend the meeting, no vote was taken.

The second land use case was an application before the Board of Zoning Appeals to renew the 5 year special quarry use permit for the Vulcan Materials Quarry in Lorton. There is no change or expansion requested. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The third land use case was an application to correct an error in the use permit in the Lorton Market (PCA 1999-MV-025 & SEA 99-V-020). The original site plan showed a pharmacy with a drive-thru facility; instead, a bank with a drive-thru has been constructed. The bank is in operation, however, the drive-thru cannot be used until the proffered conditions are amended to specify a bank instead of a pharmacy. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The fourth land use case was an application (PCA 2000-MV-051) to allow different facades on the last 8 units (4 buildings) of the Sky View drive condominiums. The size, height, and layout of the units are not changing, and the change in the exterior is minor. The Committee voted to not oppose.

From the floor a motion was made requesting that the Board of Supervisors makes the roll-back of the assessments of the properties of the now abandoned Mount Vernon Gateway project contingent upon a rezoning to the previous zoning district. The Committee voted to support the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is Monday, November 6, 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 more information and documents.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sulgrave Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair opened the meeting with a review of the topics the committee had decided to address in the next ten months. This meeting will cover Fairfax County's latest Gang Prevention progress report. Next month we plan to review the progress in the Mount Vernon District and have a presentation by the U.S. Park Police. The chair has spoken with the chair of the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee about a joint meeting to review the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Emergency Room Services. Tentatively, we are planning for the meeting to be in December.

The committee was informed of the pending move of the Day Reporting Center from its current location at the corner of Franklin St. and Richmond Hwy., near the Krispy Kreme, to the IMP Bldg. just north of the Woodlawn Plantation. The Day Reporting Center provides services for persons who are in technical violation of the conditions of their parole or probation. These services are intended to get these persons back in compliance without the necessity of placing them in jail. The Day Reporting Center has been largely successful in this effort. The move was made necessary as a result of building owner decisions. The concern is that the current location is closer to where most of the persons served live than the new location. However, the bus service some clients use is still available.

The committee was provided copies of the testimony of Robert Bermingham Jr., the Fairfax County Gang Prevention Coordinator, and of Gerald Connolly, Board of Supervisor Chairman, before the House Committee on Government Reform on July 14, 2006. This was followed by copies of Mr. Bermingham's and Mr. P.D. O'Keefe's, FCPS Violence Prevention Coordinator, presentations to the Board of Supervisors and School Board on September 25.

At the Gang Prevention Summit held at the Fairfax County Government Center on February 25, 2005 the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Model was adopted to address gang issues in the county. This committee chair was in attendance. The model provides a three-pronged approach: (1) prevention, (2) intervention, and (3) suppression. Due to the many strategies that must be established in each, a 3-5 year implementation period was set. Success will depend on a firm commitment to it by the county. The goal of the prevention strategy is to prevent youth from becoming gang members through (1) the improved use of existing resources and as well as new resources, (2) the creation of improved gang awareness education, and (3) with improved parent community partnerships. Twenty four initiatives have been identified. The goal of the intervention strategy is to provide youth and their families with the necessary resources to discontinue gang involvement through (1) specialized gang

intervention programs, and (2) utilization of multidisciplinary response teams. This strategy includes more school-base collaboration between the FCPS and the Community Services Board (such as assessment and treatment) and upgrades to schools ability to respond to student's needs. The suppression goal is to reduce gang crime and the growth of gangs in Fairfax County through (1) target enforcement activities, (2) the support of federal, state, and regional law enforcement assistance, and (3) comprehensive support of other county partner agencies. This has been marked by the enlargement of the Fairfax Investigation Unit, growth of the school resource officers (SRO) (all 52 high schools and middle schools now have an SRO assigned), and area coordination through a Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.

As a result of the first year's efforts, it was reported that there has been a 39% reduction in regional gang activity in the past year, including an 83% reduction in violent gang crime in the first quarter 2006. There has been no evident increase in the number of gang members residing in Fairfax County over the last year. Also, there has been a reduction in visible gang activity in schools. However, gang control must be a continuing effort for the foreseeable future as the impetuses for gang activity largely come from outside the Northern Virginia area. With the movement of families and gang members around the country, it is necessary to establish and maintain an effective program.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in Community Rm. 3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center beginning at 7:30pm, Wednesday, November 8, 2006. Note the change from the regular monthly date.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on October 3, 2006 in the Walt Whitman Intermediate School Library. Attending were Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; representatives from 16 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North); and one interested citizen.

Jaak Pedak and Dan Stevens of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) served as guest speakers to discuss past actions and current procedures for Transportation Planning. While all 13 changes submitted by Mr. Earl Flanagan on behalf of this Committee were accepted for integration into the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, currently available funds are insufficient to implement all of the submissions. The aim is to increase the availability of sidewalks and of public transportation. A significant number of editorial changes were also submitted by Mr. Flanagan and were accepted by FCDOT. The Committee suggested a greater emphasis on prioritizing. Some projects receive specific funding; if Federal funds are involved, a State funding mix is usually prescribed. The political process impacts on priorities since there is never enough funding available to cover all selected projects. Property taxed generate the largest pot of funding, however transportation is in competition with education and off-budget items. There are several routes available for transportation ideas to be accepted into

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the Comprehensive Plan, however the normal process provides for the submission of a nomination to be placed into the Annual Plan Review (APR) cycle where staff considers the submission and makes recommendations working with the Planning Commission, then staff consultants add their own ideas, historical precedents are applied and the comments and ideas from the respective Supervisor's office are integrated. Public hearings are conducted in the November/December time frame and submissions to the Board of Supervisors occur in January.

The Committee was apprised of the actions by the Council at the last meeting. Our resolution on the BRAC/Fort Belvoir parking plan was accepted by a vote of 19 Yes, 0 No and 2 Abstentions. The resolution on "Quick Take" failed by a vote of 6 Yes, 19 No and 2 Abstentions; there appeared to be a belief that the resolution would increase the number of eminent domain actions by government to take private property. The Supervisor indicated that the Walgreen Drugstore proposal was in jeopardy since nearby communities continue to object to the drive-thru; and without the drive-thru, Walgreen has no interest in the site.

The Committee was updated on a number of items of interest: (1) A public meeting on the Telegraph Connector Road was held last month; there were some minor comments such as the need to re-examine the placement of raised medians on the Mount Vernon Parkway and Old Mill Road near the Highway #1 intersection – these raised medians should not preclude legitimate exits from business establishments. There is sufficient money presently allocated to start the design and construction process. If there is a shortage of future allocations, a two-lane road can be built initially and when further funding is allocated, the road can be widened to a four-lane road. (2) The Woodlawn Gate to Fort Belvoir will be closed permanently on October 2nd and the property ceded to the Woodlawn Plantation, to be used for the construction of a Quaker Meeting House. This transaction is in tandem with the ceding of property by the Woodlawn Plantation to permit the widening of Old Mill Road to realign the intersection with the Mount Vernon Parkway. Also, the access from Route #1 to the horse farm will be closed and relocated on a future date. (3) Another idea for the renaming of Old Mill Road, west of Route #1 has surfaced; instead of Mulligan Road which was originally recommended by the Committee, it is proposed to name it Woodlawn Road since the current Woodlawn Road through Fort Belvoir will disappear and the new road will take over the same function. The Connector Road will meet Telegraph Road near the Golf Driving Range. (4) At this time, the Community Golf Tournament on behalf of sidewalk construction on Old Mill Road does not have any teams signed up. The Supervisor's Office will be contacted to get his assistance to promote the tournament among individuals and businesses. (5) In view of the defeat of the Quick Take resolution, the small segment of sidewalk needed to connect the existing sidewalk from the Wyngate complex, past Griffin Plumbing, to the Engleside Office Park on the east side of Rote #1 will have to take the Slow Take route with Supervisor action.

The President of Mount Zephyr surfaced a problem which would impact Smitty's Lumberteria on Route #1. He has been apprised that VDOT will place a divider on the Highway immediately in front of this property which will preclude delivery trucks and customers to turn directly into the entrance if coming from the

North or if trying to exit to the South. The Committee has not heard of such plans. It is intended that the appropriate FCDOT and/or VDOT representative will be invited to attend the November meeting of the Committee to explain their plans for the placement of pedestrian safety islands.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 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 September 28th with 8 voting members present: United Voice at Kings Crossing; Riverside Estates; Collingwood on Potomac; Stratford Landing; Mt. Zephyr Citizens Assn; Hunting Creek Club Apts.; Sulgrave Manor; Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents Assoc;

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with a review of the presentation from the National Modular Housing Council (NMHC) presented by Thayer Long. The committee agreed to invite the NMHC to present information to the council at October Council Meeting.

The first item presented to the committee was the amended definition on affordable and workforce housing to reflect a definition of 60% of the Area Median Income becoming the divider between Affordable and Workforce in place of 50% AMI. After consideration the presented resolution passed to committee 8-0-0.

With a shortfall of money in this years budget the committee began to address the 1-penny program to fully brief the council this fall in its success or failure to preserve and created the type of housing the MVCCA strongly supports. A complete review of the spending on behalf of the county is currently underway within our committee. We hope to provide a report to the Council showing how much has been spent where and on what type of housing as defined by the MVCCA. The findings of this report will largely impact the committee's review of supporting or not supporting the 1-penny program in the next budget cycle.

The committee also reviewed its efforts to use our existing public forums each month more effectively. We are trying to make these forums more focus with the goal of reviewing feedback from within our communities. Our last public forum was by far the best one yet, with many new faces and a feeling within the community members in attendance that there is a common goal in the housing issues and our community needs to come together and create a complete solution that may consist of different pieces. The committee was encouraged to invite new members of the community to come out and participate in the avenue of collecting information and feedback on the housing issues of today.

The next meeting of the SAWHC will be on October 26th, 2006 at the Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room 3.

The next Housing Forum of the SAWHC will be on November 18th, 2006 at the Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room 3.

Resolution on Bank of America PCA 2000-MV-025-02

WHEREAS, Bank of America has built a bank facility including drive-thru windows in Lorton Market, and

WHEREAS, The original site plan permitted a pharmacy with a drive-thru window but did not include language allowing a bank with drive-thru windows, and

WHEREAS, The constructed bank building is the same size and at the same location as the permitted pharmacy as shown on the site plan,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the application to amend the proffered conditions to allow for a bank use with a drive-thru window, as presented.

Resolution on Ryan Homes at Sky View Drive PCA 2000-MV-051

WHEREAS, Ryan homes has constructed most of the planned and permitted residential units in the Sky View Drive condominiums, and

WHEREAS, Ryan homes wishes to build the remaining eight residences in four buildings with front facades that are not included in the current plans, and

WHEREAS, The size, height, and location of the four buildings will not vary from the approved plans, and the changes to the facades are minor,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the application to amend the proffered conditions to allow for an additional style of front facade, as presented.

Resolution on Mount Vernon Gateway Assessments and Zoning

WHEREAS, The proposed Mount Vernon Gateway project included consolidation of various parcels and a rezoning to a higher density, and

WHEREAS, The project is no longer expected to be constructed, and

WHEREAS, The residents are facing much higher property tax burdens due to the approved higher density zoning, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has offered to have the assessments adjusted to the amounts appropriate to the original lower density zoning, and

WHEREAS, If the zoning remains at the newer higher density there is the concern that a new development may be constructed by right that will not have the desirable features that were included as the Mount Vernon Gateway was debated and supported by the Mount Vernon Council,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests the Board of Supervisors to not alter the assessments without also returning the properties to the original lower density zoning, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, if the zoning is not returned to the original lower density, then the Board of Supervisors should direct the planning staff to strictly enforce all proffered conditions approved with the higher density rezoning, and no waivers of any kind shall be granted without community review.

Resolution on Vulcan Materials Special Permit Renewal

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials operates a quarry at 10000 Ox Road in Lorton, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Zoning Appeals granted a 5 year permit for the quarry operations which now needs to be renewed, and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials is not changing the scope or operations at the quarry, and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials will help limit the trucks using Lorton Road by establishing internal policies directing their trucks to access I-95 on Route 123 rather than Lorton Road, and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials will make a monetary contribution to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and/or the Virginia Department of Transportation to help defray the cost of road-design enhancements along the "Lorton Dead Man's Curve" segment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the renewal of the quarry use permit, as presented.

Restoring State Funds for Child Care Assistance and Referral (CCAR)

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has reduced the amount of Federal pass-through funding, in the current fiscal year 2007, for programs that assist low-income working families in securing safe and appropriate child care at affordable sliding-scale rates, and whereas in Fairfax County the state reduction in the Child Care Assistance and Referral Program (CCAR) results in a loss of \$13 million;

WHEREAS, the state-level failure to fully fund these critical and highly effective CCAR programs would result in termination of services to an estimated 6800 children throughout the Commonwealth, including approximately 1900 children in Fairfax County, or one-third of the 6,000 low-income working families currently served here; and whereas Fairfax County has 2,500 children on the now-frozen waiting list for subsidized child care places;

WHEREAS, families in need of affordable child care, in our communities, include:

- Families formerly on welfare,
- Working families striving to attain economic self-sufficiency who without child care may be forced to use welfare programs,
- Large numbers of single parent families,
- Families with parents who work in hospitals, elementary schools, offices, nursing homes, hotels, restaurants, child care centers, dry cleaners, grocery stores, and small businesses,

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- Families with children with special needs, and
- Families with children who are at-risk for school failure;

WHEREAS it is obvious that when affordable child care is not available to families, parents' employment and economic independence are at risk;

WHEREAS children in low-income families that do not receive subsidized child care services may be placed in unsafe settings when parents cannot afford (unsubsidized) child care fees; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of adverse impacts of reduced funds on the safety and early learning of children, the stability of low-income families, the supply of qualified child care centers and providers who serve low-income families, and the community resources for coordinated response to needs for temporary emergency assistance, Fairfax County Supervisors have acted to prevent immediate disenrollments of enrolled children while urging restoration of funds to localities in the State budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations supports the full restoration of Child Care Assistance and Referral funds effective in this fiscal year as well as in the next state budget cycle, and the MVCCA urges the Governor to take the budgetary recommendations and actions within his powers to accomplish this.

Amendment to definition of "Affordable Housing" and "Workforce Housing"

WHEREAS, the MVCCA approved a definition of "affordable housing" and "workforce housing"; and

WHEREAS, local developers have discussed the area median income percentages with both County staff and the local community resulting in "workforce Housing" being defined as 60% to 120% of the area median income; 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations amend its definition of "affordable housing" 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 60% of the area median income, adjusted for household 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 earning 60% or less of area median income, adjusted for household 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the new definition be amended in the mission statement of the SAWHC as well as also be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to inform them of the change in definition.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2006 through October 12, 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	\$3,825.27	\$974.73
Administrative	\$625.00	\$110.56	\$514.44
Gala	\$2,500.00	\$1,654.11	\$845.89
Web Site	\$690.00	\$495.00	\$195.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,015.00	\$6,184.94	\$2,830.06
Balance Ending Period 10/12/06		\$3,585.99	

COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2006

MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday Nov 9, 7:30 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
11/7 W 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
No meeting	COAF	WWMSPCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
11/1 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS PC	George Bauer	703.768.1774
1/1 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
11/1 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
11/8 W 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
11/6 M 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
11/6 M 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	David Dale	703.765.8247
10/26 Th 7:30	SCAWH	MVGC-1	Jerry Ireland	703.768.6923

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