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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 25th 2007, 8:00 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 Bard Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives, Time

MVCCA Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairs	Dan FisherBurrier703780-5593
	Jerry Ireland.....70368-6923
	Dan Rinzel.....70360-4627
Treasurer	Tonda Phalen.....70368-7091
Secretary	Carol Coyle.....70380-7955
Editor	Mary Richards.....70365-2635
BUDG	George Baur.....703-768-1774
COAF	Queenie Cox.....70360-2414
EDUC	Judy Harbeck.....70380-1883
ENVR	Larry Zaragoza.....70399-3278
H/HS	Louise Cleveland.....703780-9151
PL/Z	Jay Spiegel.....70319-0101
PSAF	Dallas Shawkey.....70360-2185
TRANS	Frank Cohn.....70380-5698
FCFCA	Greg Scoma.....70399-8332
SFDC	Jim Walton.....70380-9555
	Tom Hook.....70365-6869

PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 28th 2007, 8:00 PM

Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

PRESIDING: Co-chair Jerry Ireland

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Dan Fisher-Burrier, Jerry Ireland Dan Rinzel; Committee chairs George Bauer, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, Larry Zaragoza, Louise Cleveland, Jay Spiegel Dallas Shawkey, Frank Cohn, Special Committee chair Jojo Shifflett; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from Collingwood, Collingwood Springs, Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington. Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon Mob Homes, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Alexandria, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Skyview, Park Spring Bank, Waynewood (non-voting), Wellington Heights Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor.

Announcements

20th Annual Mount Vernon Gala will be this Saturday. April 21st starting at 5:00 PM at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course. For more information please refer to page 14 & 15.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI SECTION 1 OF THE MVCCA BY-LAWS has been published in last month's and this month's record for consideration and a vote of the General Council on May 23rd. A detailed publication of amendment can be found on page 12.

MVCCA Editor, Mary Richards has resigned due to personal family matters and health concerns. The MVCCA board would like to express our gratitude for Mary's contributions to the Council over the last few months, she will be missed.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland discussed transportation legislation in Richmond; he says Northern Virginia is finally getting some funding help, the best we can hope for under the circumstances.

Dak's new "green" restaurant is being fast-tracked; JPI is going forward; they are talking to Wegman's and/or Whole Foods to anchor the Kings Crossing project. ISA lease has been extended for one more year; no long extension will be granted as the County may need the school space in the near future.

North Hill development plans are progressing.

In answer to a question, the Supervisor said he is waiting for County staff to get back to him on the possibility of a satellite public hearing room at South County center so that MV area citizens would not be required to go all the way to Fairfax for hearings.

MINUTES were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT Was accepted as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Minutes as published. Resolution. April 4 committee meeting is moved to Supervisor's conference room due to school vacation.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. Queenie listed additions to the silent auction.

Education – Minutes as published. Two resolutions. April 4 meeting is moved to a community room at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. April 4 meeting at South County Center. Agenda will include election of two vice-chairmen.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. Resolution represents the Committee's annual review of human services needs and resources, with an MVCCA response to the County's deployment of resources in its proposed FY 2008 Budget.

April 3 HHS meeting invites 2 key staff of the Community Services Board, responsible for day and residential treatment programs, to discuss "treatable" mental illness." HHS Chair testified March 15 on behalf of (and Planning Commission voted approval for) redevelopment of the Gregory Drive/ New Horizons residential treatment facility, following a year-long community initiative to mitigate concerns and promote understanding through ongoing dialogue that resulted in the CSB's commitment to facilitate creation of a Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. Resolution. April 9 meeting. County is considering a new ordinance re: recreational facilities.

PODs vote was deferred because the Planning Commission was not pleased. Supervisor Hyland said the BOS have been promised that PODs legislation will be presented for a vote prior to the

August break. Gerry's feeling is that the industry being regulated is doing its best to stall this amendment.

Public Safety – Minutes as published. April 5 meeting at Supervisor's conference room. Virginia State Police will make a presentation on the scope of their responsibilities.

Transportation – Minutes as published. Frank pointed out the number to report street light outages, 1-888-667-3000, and the problems of handicapped people in wheelchairs on public streets. April 2 meeting in Room 3 at MV Governmental Center. Agenda will include Laurel Hill transportation plan details.

FCFCA REPORT – Greg was not available.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Minutes as published. Committee is waiting for response from RHA to the One Penny Report. Committee meets March 29.

Gala – Chris Granger reports that all aspects of the Gala are under control. Guest Speaker will be local author Mike Bonn whose topic will be the White House war room.

NEW MEMBER – Sky View, townhouses development located near the intersection of Richmond Highway and Frye Road was approved for membership 23 -0-0. Mack Rhoades has volunteered to be a mentor.

RESOLUTIONS

Budget Committee : MVCCA-2007-BUDG -01: MVCCA Resolution on the Fairfax County FY 2008 Budget, As Advertised. Typos will be corrected. Approved 23 -0-2.

Education Committee : MVCCA-2007-EDUC -02 (new): Resolution of the MVCCA Education Committee re: FY2008 Advertised Budget Plan. (In support of BUDG -01) Approved 24 -0-0.

MVCCA-2007-EDUC -01 (deferred from February meeting) MVCCA Resolution re: Testing of Limited English Proficient Students. A friendly amendment added the U.S. Congress to the resolution since they are considering similar legislation. Approved as amended 20 -2-2.

Planning & Zoning Committee : MVCCA-2007-PL/Z-01: Big Box Retail Establishment Zoning Ordinance Resolution. After considerable discussion, amendment to strike the 5th Whereas and #3 under the Resolution was Approved 23 -0-3. Also in the resolution, "provided" will be changed to "recommended." Resolution approved 23 -3-0.

Health and Human Services Committee : MVCCA-2007-H/HS-01: Health and Human Services Planning for FY 2008 Resolution. Approved 26 -0-0.

GUEST SPEAKER

Col. Brian Lauritzen, Commander at Fort Belvoir spoke on BRAC and the EIS. Material distributed included a CD plus a one-page "crib notes" version of the EIS, as well as a map and other details.

Col. Lauritzen described BRAC as a "massive shell game," with one move dependent on another previous move. He stressed that items not included in BRAC (particularly finishing of the Fairfax County Parkway and the National Army Museum) should not

be lumped into BRAC as that will slow down their progress. In answer to questions, Col. Lauritzen noted:

- 1) that County Fire and Rescue work hand-in-hand with Ft. Belvoir, sharing equipment and responding across boundaries;
- 2) that the diminished funding for BRAC will not affect the timeline as funding removed now will be restored in future budgets;
- 3) that while DOD recognizes the increase in post-traumatic stress, no decision has been made as to whether this will be accommodated in the new (or old) hospital; the plan so far is that specialty units will be located at Bethesda Navy Medical;
- 4) that the plan re: closing of Walter Reed has, so far, not changed, but is dependent on several other pieces of BRAC being accomplished; nor has a decision been made re: tearing down v. renovating DeWitt;
- 5) that there is a "full court press" to get the Parkway completed and to build the road between Richmond Highway and Telegraph Road within the next three years.

Deadline for public response to the EIS was extended from 45 to 60 days and is due by May 1. They anticipate signing of a Record of Decision in early August. And date of completion is still 15 September 2011.

PUBLISHED AGENDA ITEMS Proposed amendment to the by-laws to make Affordable and Workforce Housing a standing committee was included as an insert to the Record. It will be added to the Record on-line.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME – David Dale reminded that Medical Reserve Corps still needs people to sign up; web page is www.fairfaxmrc.org.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06

Carol Cyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on April 4th at 7:30 in one of the conference rooms in the Government Center adjacent to Gerry Hyland's office. Representatives from Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall, Potomac Valley River Bend, Stratford on the Potomac Section 4, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, and Wessington Homes attended.

The committee reviewed the Council's resolution on the County's Advertised FY 2008 Budget. Additionally the committee reviewed the County's requirements for senior or disabled citizens for relief from real estate taxes. In order to qualify for tax relief, the County requires an income under \$72,000 and assets in excess of one's residence exclusion to be less than \$340,000. This creates an inequity in the tax system. Individuals, or couples who do not have pension income, but have saved assets to provide income in their retirement, will not receive this relief if their assets exceed the \$340,000 limit. In order to not outlive one's assets, many financial advisors are recommending that the rate of draw on retirement assets not exceed four or five percent. A couple with \$340,000 would only be advised to take an income of \$17,000 from a \$340,000 nest egg.

The State provides for jurisdictions to allow individuals to have

nest eggs up to \$540,000 and still qualify for tax relief. Even at that level, the inequity continues as this level of assets would produce an income of \$27,000 at a 5% draw rate. Locally, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria allow individuals to have \$540,000 in assets and qualify for tax relief. First time applicants in Fairfax County must apply by December 31st.

The Budget Committee will not meet in May.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs committee did not meet during April because the school was closed for spring break. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st at Walt Whitman Middle School at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room. The Committee is interested in what's going on along the Route One Corridor and it was determined that the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation was the best resource for providing that information. Therefore, the guest speaker for our May 1st meeting will be Lara Fritts, Executive Director of Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. Ms. Fritts will be providing a new presentation that incorporates more of what SFDC does with the "What's Happening" presentation.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on April 4, 2007, at 8 pm, in the Community Room of the Mount Vernon Government Center, the usual meeting venue at Whitman MS being unavailable due to closure for Spring Break. Associations represented included: Sulgrave Manor, Newington Forest, Waynewood, Mount Vernon Civic, Kings Crossing, Gum Springs, Williamsburg Manor North, Riverside Estates, Mt. Zephyr and Wellington.

The primary topic of the meeting was the new Education Committee web page to be included as part of the update of MVCCA's website.

In the course of considering a mission statement and appropriate links or narrative information for inclusion in the web page, the Committee had a wide-ranging discussion on the subjects of what types of information would best serve our constituent civic associations, most of whose members, in all likelihood, do not currently have school age children and thus may not be aware of current issues and information sources, or of school and County resources available to children and adults both in school and out, such as after school recreation, summer programs and continuing adult education.

This discussion led naturally to future topics for the Committee, and given that there are a number of new members, the Chair specifically opened the discussion to issues in associations and to areas of interest to both old and new members. In addition to perennial issues of SOL and SAT achievement in our diverse schools, specific mention was made of: dropout rates; facilities issues including boundaries, school construction/renovation and BRAC impact; expansion of career/vocational opportunities including certification and college credit programs; teacher training and continuing education programs including tracking and accountability, and processes for removal or retraining of ineffective instructional

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personnel; the impact of immigration on schools and of testing expectations on immigrant children and classmates, and reauthorization issues and possible changes to the No Child Left Behind Act.

At the close of the meeting, the Chair was asked to draft a mission statement, some narrative background information for the web site and to begin compiling links for inclusion. Committee members were also asked to identify links for inclusion with the caveat that only public or non-partisan verifiable sources should be included.

Next meeting: May 2, 2007, 8 pm, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The meeting was held in the Mount Hybla Room at the Southern County Government Center Building beginning at 7:30 pm and was chaired by Vice Chairs Bill Cleveland and Catherine Vowell.

Approval/Corrections of the March Minutes:

The minutes of the March 2007 E&R meeting as published in the Record were approved by the committee.

New Business

BRAC draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) discussion

Dan O'Brien, Master Planner at Fort Belvoir and Patrick Moore, one of the major authors of the draft EIS (DEIS), presented to the Committee. Dan O'Brien began with the statement that everyone was excited about the planning stage and Fort Belvoir and that is was the "Chance to do the thing right". Dan requested community input and comments so that the project is done right and everyone is happy. May 1, 2007 is the end of the public comment period and the comments should be in writing. On April 17, 2007 at 6 pm in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium there were be a Public Open House for the Fort Belvoir EIS.

The EIS is a monumental task in that Congress has legislated that 22,000 people are coming to Fort Belvoir by 2011. That is, the proposed action or mission of the EIS team at Fort Belvoir is "How can the 22,000 people be accommodated?"

The draft EIS has 5 land use alternatives: Preferred Land Use; Town Center, City Center, Satellite Campus, and No Action. A series of questions and answers were exchanged between the speakers and members of the E&R.

North Hill

A discussion and information session was had concerning the history of the property and a resolution passed by the Affordable Housing Committee.

Bill Cleveland announced that a Special Meeting of the E&R Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at the Southern County Government Center at 7:30 pm to consider resolutions on BRAC, State Implementation Plan for Air Quality and North Hill. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Special Meeting held on April 10, 2007 at 7:30 pm in the Southern County Government Center

Larry Zaragoza chaired this special meeting.

Next Month – the tentative agenda: DAKS, Laurel Hill, New Alexandria Flooding Study, and Kings Crossing.

Draft State Implementation Plan (SIP)

Flint Webb, a professional engineer and the Chair of the Region's Environment group explained that the SIP is a document that lays out a plan to reach the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Thus, Virginia needs adopt a SIP that EPA will approve as a requirement under the Clean Air Act for pollutants that exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the National Capital Region (e.g., ozone and fine particles). Models show that the current SIP does not meet the NAAQS for either ozone or fine particles. The draft SIP asserts that the Washington Metropolitan Area will not meet the 8 hour ozone standard as required but the modeling presented in the SIP indicates that this conclusion is optimistic. There are assumptions as to the increase in (or stabilization) of the population and congestion for vehicles resulting in emissions that meet the required standard.

Since Fairfax County and the Mt. Vernon area need to reauthorize the transit for ozone, it was suggested that transit use should be increased or maintained at the very least and that development follow transit oriented development. The committee adopted a Resolution to send to the SIP elected of Virginia that connects land use development with air quality. Resolution passed-11.

The committee had a brief discussion on BRAC. In particular, it was noted that the draft EIS was long on details for stormwater management but short on action. There were assumptions made on a certain amount of impervious surface, but no comments concerning Chesapeake Bay Preservation that requires no net increase in runoff when impervious surface is increased by over a certain percentage. Similar assumptions were made on transportation that an overall average (over what area) of air quality would be changed or would have a minor adverse impact. The Committee discussed a draft a resolution stating that the draft EIS need more work.

North Hill

An hour discussion trying to focus on environmental issues relative to North Hill ensued. A number of representatives to the committee expressed the need for more information and data. One committee member tried to express that the MVCCA request 20% open space as required in the MPR district (without a waiver from the Board of Supervisors). However, the lack of details made it difficult to focus on stormwater, open space and other environmental issues.

At 10:00 pm, the janitor informed our group that we would need to leave. A motion was made to discuss North Hill (the discussion), which was seconded. However, only one person voted to "table it". Everyone else declined. Then, a motion was made and seconded on the motion that was brought to the table by the President of the Springfield Community with ending 2

(with a typographical correction in the second to the last "Whereas" to read "The final vote was 65 (for) and 0 (abstain), passing the motion. The meeting adjourned slightly after 10 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd in the South County Government Center at 7:30 pm.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Conf. Room, with a full agenda and 1 MVCCA member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollins Hill, Mount Vernon Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Sec. 4, Wellington, Wessington, Williamsburg Manor, United Voice at King's Crossing. Invited guest resources from the Fairfax County Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) staff were Gary Lupton and Cheryl Tibbs; MVCCA -Chair Jerry Ireland participated in discussion of the resolution on Hill Redevelopment forwarded to the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing (SCAWH); and Mount Vernon human services advocate Anne Andrei shared from her long experience re both affordable housing and mental issues.

Co-sponsoring the Resolution, "North Hill Redevelopment" HHS Committee reports in the MVCCA RECORD provide a trail of attention, over several years, to the need for affordable for low and moderate income working families and for those who are elderly or disabled or with special needs. Considering the SCAWH draft Resolution, the Committee discussed the Fairfax Redevelopment and Housing Authority's obligation to develop their largest land holding, the North Hill property, in accordance with federal Housing and Urban Development requirements that a companioned funding for acquisition and development. The Resolution provides a way for MVCCA to encourage a constructive solution to the unacceptable status quo, supporting redevelopment of both affordable homes (limited to a portion zoned for manufactured housing) and a safe and attractive community, preserving trees and providing accessible trails (at least 18' ac). The committee voted to approve and sponsor the resolution, with recommendations for amended wording to be forwarded to the SCAWH chair for consideration as friendly amendments: a proved 10-0.

Chair's update: Documents re these actions were provided to the committee electronically, with the agenda. March 28, the MVCCA approved unanimously the resolution, "Health and Human Services Planning for FY 2008," providing groundwork for the Chair to testify April 10 before the Board of Supervisors; (2) on March 29, the citizen advisory Human Services Council released a detailed annual letter to the BOS, which accords points in the MVCCA resolution, and (3) on March 15, the Chair and Mount Zephyr representative Barbara Thompson provided testimony before the Planning Commission on behalf of the Public Works application for redevelopment of the residential treatment facility at Gregory Drive (the New Horizons Treatment Center for those with mental illness in combination with substance abuse disorders). In response to a remarkable community dialogue and pr

posals initiated by Mount Zephyr's Board, this application was amended to include the CSB's commitment to facilitate creation of a Neighborhood Advisory Board intended to provide for ongoing community dialogue. A letter of appreciation from the CSB Vice Chair is to be shared with all who have participated in this process. (4) April 12 is planned as the quarterly meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force.

Focus: "What Is Treatable Mental Illness?"

We were fortunate to have, as guest resources, two key individuals based in our area who have extensive knowledge of current best practice thinking and of Community Service Boards. Gary Lupton, LCSW, is CSB Director of Utilization Management and Assurance as well as Site Director for our Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center (8119 Holland Road) where local treatment programs are based. Mental health services for children are co-located with others at South County Center; some remain at IMP on Richmond Highway. Cheryl Tibbs, LCSW, is CSB Mental Health Manager for Adult Mental Health Services, including the dual diagnosis treatment program at Gregory Drive.

An informative presentation and extended Q&A committee representatives to understand key categories for diagnosing disorders, make the distinction between "brain injury" including stroke (which may result in dementia or other psychotic disorders) and "mental illness" (based on chemical changes taking place in the brain). Four of six diagnosed categories of mental illness waxing and waning symptoms and are treatable through a range of options that include medications. The "recovery model" is being implemented through training of providers, emergency responders, police, and communications with the public. But state and local funds for mental health are not adequate, and there is a shortage of psychiatrists (MDs) to prescribe medications. Fairfax County is doing more than most jurisdictions to provide diagnosis and treatment. Though only 1200 CSB staff are dedicated to mental health (and 400, to treatment case managers have very high case loads. Filling vacant positions is one challenge. Last year, growth in wait lists for intake views as well as treatment stimulated implementation of "access" model (successful in L.A. County) that has reduced response to initial calls and improved scheduling (for emergencies) and appropriate referrals.

"What to Do When...?" is a frequent question from neighborhood association officers as well as families and friends of those experiencing symptoms of mental illness, including depression and dangerous suicidal ideations. Lupton emphasizes: threatening emergency is taking place, call 911 or perhaps Woodburn Emergency (703 -573-5679), or take the person to a local emergency room. (Emergency response may have available a "mobile crisis unit" that can go to a home, in some situations.) Often, however, the question is how to find help for someone with mild to moderate symptoms: the answer depends on resources available. For insured persons, insurance companies usually help with referrals to a private therapist or psychiatrist. For those experiencing moderate to severe symptoms, or lacking resources for private treatment, call the Mental Health Services of the CSB for private treatment.

(703-481-4230) or the Alcohol and Drug Services (703 -359-7040). Hall-Tibbs (available during office hours, 703 -799-2783) also suggests consulting the 24-hour number for Adult Residential Services (703 -799-9552), especially in situations where behavior is not "dangerous" but raises concerns about getting appropriate help. *And keep in mind that a neighbor can always call the Adult and Child Protective Services hotlines for Abuse to report dangerous behavior.*

Meetings on human services open to the public

Tuesday, May 1, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee, 7:30 pm., Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Engle Conference Room, focus t/b/a. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/789151.

Monday, May 14, Route 1 Task Force for Human Services, 7 p.m., South County Center, Convener Anne Andrews.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The April 9, 2007 meeting of the MVCCA Planning & Zoning Committee was convened at 7:35 PM. Attending were representatives from Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Hunting Creek Club, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Memorial Heights, Montebello CUOA, Mount Vernon CA, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Sherwood Estates, Skyview Park, Spring Bank, Stratford (Sec IV) on the Potomac, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessington Homes, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor NORTH, Wm. H. Randall Civic Assoc., and Wellington CA.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of a preliminary plan to develop two adjacent parcels of land just south of the existing Green Olive Restaurant in the 7400 block of Richmond Highway. The owner of these parcels is also the landlord and property owner where the Green Olive Restaurant is situated. Lee Engle of Streetsense spoke on behalf of the property owner and distributed materials showing a proposal to locate a Dunkin' Donuts outlet with a drive-thru, an Autozone store, and a Chick-fil-A Restaurant with drive-thru. Mr. Engle presented to obtain feedback from the P&Z Committee concerning this proposal. Among the comments provided Mr. Engle were the following:

- (1) There is a requirement to provide space for a service road parallel to Richmond Highway that would eliminate some of the parking shown on the plan;
- (2) Access to the Dunkin' Donuts outlet which is located behind the Chick-fil-A Restaurant was not clearly shown;
- (3) The County is sensitive to the proliferation of drive-thru features, although the materials provided by Mr. Engle indicate that 54,000 vehicles per day pass the site;
- (4) Access to the site might be problematic due to future plans to provide a continuous median strip along Richmond Highway in front of the site;
- (5) Special Exceptions are required for the Chick-fil-A and Dunkin' Donuts stores because these facilities are in a

Highway Overlay District and are deemed to be "fast food" restaurants in the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Engle agreed to maintain contact with the Committee and we will expect to hear from him again.

Next, the Committee took up the matter of the proposed new development of the Daks Restaurant by Badco, LLC at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court, Tax Map No. 101-3 2(12) 96. Presenting on behalf of the developer was attorney Jason Heinberg of the Walsh, Colucci Law Firm. The proposed development will require waivers of transitional screening and barrier requirements along the southern property boundary, a waiver of the service drive requirement, and modification of the transitional screening requirement along the northern property boundary. The project is proposed as a "green building" utilizing LEED criteria developed by the United States Green Building Council. LEED stands for "leadership in energy and environmental design." The proposal would include a floor area ratio (FAR) 40% of the FAR limit, and tree cover of 250% the tree cover requirement. During the process, the Engleside neighborhood raised issues concerning handicapped parking and whether the developer would provide a trail along Richmond Highway. These concerns have been satisfied. The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposal with particular attention directed to the draft proffers. One major issue involves the fact that the project is represented as employing LEED design criteria, yet draft proffer no. 7 appears to make the LEED criteria optional. Draft proffer no. 2 lists a number of permitted uses other than a restaurant and the Committee expressed its concern that the list be pared down. A variety of other concerns were raised and the Committee asked Mr. Heinberg to return to the May meeting with Committee concerns satisfactorily addressed so that a vote can be taken on a Resolution. In this regard, the proposal will be before the Planning Commission on May 30, 2007, so a Resolution passed by the Committee in May could be approved by the MVCCA Council in time for the Planning Commission Hearing.

The Committee heard from Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan concerning a couple of matters pending before the Planning Commission. Mr. Flanagan discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance concerning Big Box retail establishments, and indicated that the Hearing had been conducted and a vote is scheduled April 26, 2007, at 8:15 PM. Anyone who wishes to provide comments to the Planning Commission is encouraged to do so in advance of the vote.

At that point, Chairman Jay Spiegel related a telephone conversation he had with Aaron Liebert of JPI concerning the proposed Kings Crossing development. Mr. Liebert informed Mr. Spiegel that his negotiations with the owner of the property where St. Clair Appliances is located are going well, but that things are not going as smoothly in his negotiations with Arcon, the owner of the major parcel where the Chuckie Cheese and the former Michael's are located. He informed me that Arcon has indicated they are waiting to see the outcome of the Board of Supervisors vote on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment concerning Big Box retail establishments that will occur on May 20, 2007. Mr. Liebert indicated that he had been told that if the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is defeated,

Arcon would try to locate a Wal-Mart at the site. If the proposed Amendment is enacted with a limitation on store size that is less than 100,000 square feet, it is more likely Arcon would sell the property to JPI. In this connection, the Chairman reminded the Committee of the Resolution that had been enacted by the MVCCA Council in March, 2007, in which the MVCCA urged the Board of Supervisors to include in the Zoning Ordinance Amendment a size limitation in the range of 100,000 to 120,000 square feet. The Chairman pointed out that if the wishes of the MVCCA were enacted, this might result in location of a Wal-Mart at the site rather than creation of the Kings Crossing project. Committee members pointed out that the County Staff has recommended the threshold number for application of the Amendment should be 80,000 square feet. If that occurs, it would appear to benefit prospects for the Kings Crossing project. By an informal showing of hands, the Committee voted not to revisit the Resolution approved by the Committee and later enacted by the Council with amendments to remove language concerning revitalization zones.

Mr. Flanagan continued his presentation announcing that a Public Hearing concerning the Crabtree development, SEA-2002-MV-028, will be held before the Planning Commission on April 26, 2007. Mr. Flanagan indicated that the reason for the new Public Hearing, even though a Public Hearing had been conducted on May 19, 2006, was the delay of over six months since the earlier Public Hearing without a vote having been taken by the Planning Commission. A Staff Report is scheduled to be released on April 12, 2007, and Mr. Flanagan indicated he was unaware of any new issues that would require the project to come back before the MVCCA before the Planning Commission votes on the project. Anyone who wishes to provide comments to the Planning Commission should do so in advance of the April 26, 2007 Hearing.

Next, the Committee considered a proposed Resolution regarding a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance concerning a recreational facility fee that is imposed in the PDH, PDC and PRM Zoning Districts. In a nutshell, this fee was first imposed in 1975 as a \$500.00 fee, was raised to \$955.00 in 1997, and the amendment proposes raising the fee to \$1,500.00. County Staff indicated that the proposed fee increase is about 57%, while the increase in the construction cost index (CCI) has been 59% since the last time the fee was increased ten years ago. The proposed amendment includes appropriate grandfathering. The Committee approved a Resolution agreeing not to oppose the proposed amendment by a vote of 29 in favor, none opposing, and 1 abstaining. The Resolution as approved is attached.

The last item on the agenda was discussion and vote on a Resolution concerning the remaining 35 acres of the North Hill property that remains undeveloped. The Chairman explained to the Committee that the housing and HHS Committees have already approved Resolutions on this subject, and the Chairman collaborated with JoJo Shifflett to create a proposed Resolution for discussion at the P&Z Meeting so that the Committee could vote on the Resolution, then transmit it back to the Housing Committee with the request that differences be accepted by Housing as "friendly amendments." Additional amendments to the proposed Resolution from MVCCA Co-Chair Jerry Ireland and Former Planning Commissioner John Byers were incorporated and additional language

was added after consultation with Larry Zaragoza, Chairman of the Environment and Recreation Committee. Presenters from the County included Rex Peters of the County's Department of Housing and Community Development. During the course of the discussion, several "friendly" amendments were proposed, some of which were accepted by the Chairman, others of which were not. David Dale, President of Spring Bank Civic Association, proposed a friendly amendment eliminating housing unit numbers from the proposed Resolution. The Chairman declined to accept the proposal. Thereafter, the proposed amendment was moved and seconded and approved by the Committee by a vote of 14 in favor, 12 opposed, with 3 abstentions. After further discussion, Sheldon Hoenig of Wessynton Homes Association moved to table the Resolution until the May meeting of the Committee. This Motion was defeated through a show of hands. Thereafter, the question was called and the Resolution as amended was approved by the Committee by a vote of 17 in favor, 8 opposed, with 4 abstentions. The Chairman agreed to promptly transmit the Resolution to the Committee and to Housing Chairman JoJo Shifflett, with word processing of all handwritten changes departing from the text as first distributed at the meeting - this was done. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented Collingwood on the Potomac, Ho Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Lakes, Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect IV, and Williamsburg Manor North.

Our speaker was Sergeant Terry Licklider, Public Information Officer, Division 7, Virginia State Police. He joined the State Police in January, 1983 and has been assigned to Division 7. Division 7 covers Arlington, Fairfax County, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and Prince William County. Division 7 headquarters is located at 9801 Braddock Rd. in Fairfax County.

The Virginia State Police Headquarters is located in Richmond and has essentially two divisions: The Bureau of Field Operations (BFO) and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI). The BFO has sections for aviation, crime prevention, gangs, motor vehicle safety, road patrols, safety inspections, and a SWAT team. BCI has sections for criminal intelligence, drug enforcement, general investigations. The Virginia State Police is tasked to respond to any public safety issue at any location in the state. The Virginia State Police Training Academy is located in Richmond and has a 34 week course for new troopers. Division 7 has 17 officers. There are 10 vacancies, but they will get 5 graduates from the current class at the Training Academy.

Within the state, they respond to public disturbances in coal mines and shipyards, floods, disasters, airplane crashes, riots, and prison fires. Their crash investigations units investigate serious carrier vehicle crashes and hazmat spills. A warrant squad handles sex offender and firearms investigations. They are set up to provide operation of an incident command post, arson and bomb squad, monitoring unit, scuba support, evidence collection, and response to a terrorist incident.

In 1984, the Virginia State Police and Fairfax County signed

agreement that the State Police would only be directly responsible for the interstate routes within Fairfax County. That is I-95, I-495, I-395, and I-66. In addition, the State Police are responsible for US Routes 7, 15 and 50. They are not responsible for US Route 1 (Richmond Hwy). Accordingly, when a person has a problem on the routes under State Police control, the correct number to call for help is not 911, but rather #77. When there is a major incident on their highways, the State Police will set up a command post and notify the Fairfax County Police, Fire and Rescue, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) which is responsible for diverting/ rerouting traffic, cleanup and road repair. This is the normal operation they agreed to as part of the Northern Virginia Incident Management Team. This Team provides a unified approach to response activities including coordination and management for all members of the team. For their incidents, the State Police provide information to the media to reduce congestion at the site. It also notifies Fairfax County so that information on significant traffic incidents can be broadcast on the Fairfax County community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN). For significant incidents, they also hold a post incident meeting to review it and identify any areas of response that need improvement.

The State Police maintain 2 troopers on patrol on I-95 between Springfield and Occoquan, 1 on I-395, 4 on I-495, and 1 on I-66 in Fairfax County. They use the Vision Assisted Speed Tracking (VAST) to measure the speed of vehicles. They also have a helicopter to assist in monitoring speed and responding to incidents. They can stop any vehicle at any time for apparent mechanical or other deficiency. They particularly monitor motor carrier vehicles (trucks/trailers). If the State Police suspect a deficiency they will have the vehicle pull over and do an inspection. If the vehicle passes, State Police will put a dated sticker on the vehicle so that if it is stopped again, the State Police will not need to delay the vehicle further. The sticker is good for 90 days. If there is a significant deficiency, the owner must have it corrected. If the correction cannot be effected quickly, the vehicle must be towed off the highway. Common incidents along the interstates are hazmat spills. Usually this is a fuel or motor oil spill. Years ago, VDOT or the local fire and rescue station would come and wash that away into storm drains. Now it must be cleaned up using sand or other material to soak up the liquid for pickup and disposal. State Police traffic tickets are sent to Fairfax County General Court for adjudication.

Next year the Virginia State Police will consolidate its communications with Fairfax County Police Department, Fire and Rescue Department, and VDOT in the new Public Safety Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) being built on West Ox Rd. just south of I-66.

The Criminal Intelligence Division is responsible for collecting information on any terrorist activity in the state. The State Police have a Fusion Center and an Emergency Operations Center at State Police Headquarters in Richmond. They are also responsible for the threat level set in the state, e.g., Orange. They have disseminated disaster plans which will assist local public safety agencies with any emergency. State Police are prepared to set up incident command posts. On a regular basis they participate with local agencies in mock drills.

When a person under 18 is abducted and considered to be in danger, the State Police are responsible for the Amber Alert response in Virginia. They notify all local public safety agencies and those agencies along any route the abductor(s) may be using. VDOT is notified and the information is posted on the electronic signs along those routes.

The Virginia State Police are also responsible for maintaining the state Sex Offender Registry. This is coordinated with the local Probation and Probation offices if the offender is still on parole or probation. The State Police monitor the rest and visit persons listed whenever those persons have missed dates for confirming the information on the Registry.

After the presentation, the committee was given information by the chair and Southwood representative on the progress in scheduling a CERT training session in the Mount Vernon District. The CERT director had difficulty in having the training begin in May. At present, it appears that it will be given beginning in September. We will keep working to get the training given here on a date specific.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, May 3, 2007 in Community Rm. 3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be Elwood Jones, Director of the Fairfax County Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP).

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on April 2, 2007, in the multi-purpose room at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher Burrier and Mr. Jerry Ireland, both Co-Chairs, MVCCA; Mr. Mack Rhodes, Transportation Commissioner, Mount Vernon District; Mr. Jay Spiegel, Chair, Planning and Zoning Committee, MVCCA; representatives of 15 member organizations (Berkshire, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Montebello, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Sherwood Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, United Voices at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North); and two interested citizens.

A team presentation on the transportation aspects of the Laurel Hill development was provided to the Committee by Mr. Chris Caperton and Ms. Leanna Hush of Fairfax County, DPZ, Laurel Hill project; and Mr. Jaak Pedak and Mr. Doug McTavish of Fairfax County DOT. The main artery through the area is a combination of Lorton Road coming in from both the east (Highway #1) and the west (Route #123), a dual designation of Lorton Road and Furnace Road in the center and Furnace Road ending at Route #123. The road will be 4 lanes and \$20 million is currently estimated for the development of this project which includes an easing of the steepness of the so called "dead man's" curve. Final design work will commence this summer. With a 50' median, the road will be a prototype parkway to be copied in future projects. A 40 MPH speed limit is envisioned. An increase in tourist, commuter and residential traffic has already been noted and is expected to increase significantly as the various recreational, cultural and other community-serving accommodations are completed along and at either ends of the overall roadway corridor. Additionally,

Silverbrook Road will be extended to have 4 lanes all the way to Hooes Road. The 2007 bond referendum will include design and construction funding for the Lorton/Furnace spine road improvement. Some added funding obtained by the Transportation Advisory Commission will be used for spot improvements on Silverbrook Road. Complaints about truck traffic using the prohibited Apple Orchard Road for a shortcut, placing this traffic into the scenic area, were addressed. The Committee recommended that this road be blocked to assure that trucks approach the landfill from the south. Both DOT and our Committee will continue to look at this problem. Finally, the need for lighting the approaches to the school areas was stressed by the Committee. Funding is not currently programmed for lighting, but County officials promised to examine this need.

A matter of interest to Planning and Zoning was discussed. Apparently, at some 4-way intersections where only 2 stop signs are placed, some drivers are confused, inferring that it is a 4-way stop. The placement of added signage, informing that "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" was favored by Planning and Zoning. Committee members initially were averse to the placement of any signage which is not standard. When it later became apparent that this verbiage was incorporated in authorized signage, objections were withdrawn. The community involved will request VDOT to replace this signage.

A draft resolution on restricting administrative waivers which, in the past, have resulted in the elimination of sidewalks, lighting or deceleration lanes, was presented to the Committee. With minor modifications, the resolution was approved by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention, to be forwarded to the P&Z Committee for their input and/or concurrence. The resolution will be published once finalized.

The Committee was updated on the following:

- (1) Planning and Zoning made minor changes in the Sidewalk Construction Resolution, previously revised by our Committee. The resolution is now ready for Council action and is published elsewhere in the Record.
- (2) The BRAC 800 page Environmental Impact Statement is available for review in the Supervisor's Office. The Chair has a 3-5 minute window for a presentation at the scheduled public hearing on April 17, between 7 and 9:30 PM at the Mount Vernon High School. Committee members are encouraged to provide material for this presentation.
- (3) The Chair advised that he had written a letter to the Supervisor pointing out a number of obstacles which need to be removed on Route #1, in the vicinity of the new Safeway store, to enable wheelchair handicapped persons to access the bus at Arlington Drive and the adjacent shopping areas.
- (4) The three-way stop proposed by the Committee at the Lukens Lane/Old Mill Road intersection had received additional attention in an on-site meeting with FCDOT, VDOT and local residents, with some objections, and an added review by VDOT which advised that the 3-way stop should be erected. The Committee voted 13 yes, 2 no and 0 abstention to remain with our original recommendation to implement the 3-way stop. The Chair will contact the Supervisor who will make the final decision.

(5) The DAKS restaurant currently located on Route #1 near Boswell will relocate, in view of the Walgreen construction, to a new location on the west side of Route #1 in the Engleside area. Concerns about parking, bus stop and trail placement have been raised. P&Z will consider the application in its April meeting and we will consider the matter in May.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM, Monday, May 7, 2007 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Attendance: Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Collingwood - on-the-Potomac, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents Civic Assn, Riverside Estates Civic Association, Sherwood Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac - SEC IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA, Spring Bank

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The first agenda item was the Penny Report. Much discussion was had over a memo the RHA sent to Supervisor Hyland in rebuttal to the Penny Report. There were several items listed in the memo as items that the RHA did not agree with as presented in the report. The committee decided after much discussion that they would draft a list of questions, both of the report and the memo, and send them to Paula Sampson with a request that she attend the next committee meeting to answer the questions. It was also noted that we request she bring adequate staff with her to answer all the submitted questions as time is of great importance. The questions will be drafted and sent out the committee for additional items to be added.

North Hill was the next item on the agenda. The committee chair attended a meeting of the RHA and Woodley Hill Estates in March 2007 in which a by-right redevelopment of 11 acres of North Hill was presented to the community. The SCAWH drafted a resolution to help recommend to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) what should go on North Hill since the decision has been made to finish the redevelopment as it is currently zoned.

The committee was presented with a resolution that was amended in some areas to clarify the intent of the committees' recommendations. The Chair also entertained friendly amendments for all of the non-voting members that were present at the meeting as well. Once the draft resolution was finalized the committee voted on the amended resolution. The final vote was 9 -0-1.

The Committee Chair explained that the resolution would go to H/HS, PL/Z and the E&R committees for a vote from each committee on the resolution to include any friendly amendments recommended by each committee. The H/HS committee met and after some discussion voted unanimously to accept the resolution as a joint resolution with the SCAWH. After the H/HS meeting they provided several recommendations to the resolution that were considered by both the SCAWH chair and the PL/Z chair before the resolution was brought to the PL/Z committee. The SCAWH chair

and some members of the housing committee attended the E&R meeting as well as invited several staff members to attend and answer questions about North Hill. Several documents pertaining to the subject were e-mail prior to the meeting. There was lengthy discussion between the E&R committee, SCAWH and county staff regarding what was going to be done on North Hill. The E&R committee decided it would have a special meeting the following week to take a vote on the SCAWH resolution.

The North Hill resolution was presented to the PL/Z committee and after much discussion the resolution passed 17 -8-4. All the recommended changes from the PL/Z committee were accepted except for a change to the resolve to eliminate any number of units from the site. This amendment passed the PL/Z committee by a vote of 14-12-3. After review of the recommended changes it was determined that this was a split within the PL/Z committee while two other committees has voted unanimously to include these numbers.

The final meeting was with the E&R committee when they had their special meeting to vote on the resolution after it passed thru PL/Z. Limited by time and understanding of the fact surrounding North Hill, the E&R committee voted to table the resolution, which failed; and time ran out so at the end of it all the E&R committee never took a position on the North Hill resolution.

Once all the recommendations had been reviewed and considered the resolution was updated and went back out to the SCAWH for a final vote. The vote total was 9-0-0.

The new recommendations for future use of the Penny Fund by the Advisory Committee were provided to members of the SCAWH for review.

The Chair asked each member to consider what topics they would like the committee to address this year. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 26th, 2007 at 7:30 PM, at the Mount Vernon Government Center – Community Room 3.

20TH ANNUAL GALA COMMITTEE REPORT

Attendance: As of April 14th there are a total of 142 tickets purchased to attend this years Gala. There are currently 20 reservations that still need to be paid.

Sponsors: As of April 14th there are a total of 12 local business sponsorships totaling \$4,700. There have been individual donations totaling \$625. The total of all donations and sponsorships is \$5,300.

Announcements: The Gala committee has confirmed that there will be a Live Jazz Trio performing from 5:00 PM thru 7:15 PM.

The Silent Auction will begin at 5:00 PM and bidding will cease sharply at 6:15 PM when dinner starts.

Mr. Michael K. Bohn will be this years guest speaker. He will be speaking about Presidential Crisis Management and his job managing the Crisis Management Room at the White House.

If anyone would still like to attend the Gala please contact Chris Granger or Jerry Ireland ASAP and they will try to make sure everyone that wishes to attend will be able to do so.

Directions: Fort Belvoir Club House is on Beulah at Kingman. If you have a DoD sticker on your car, you can take Route 1 to Fairfax County Parkway, right on Kingman, 1st left on Beulah to the Club.

Those without military stickers must enter through Tulley Gate (Route 1, opposite the Hess station) All must have photo ID, and car is subject to search. Tell the guards you are here to attend the MVCCA Gala at the N36 Golf Clubhouse.

Once through the gate, drive straight. At second light, make a left onto Gunston Road; follow this to the end (you will pass over Route 1). At light, turn left onto Kingman Road. At first light, turn right onto Beulah Street. Club is on your left.

Thanks to this years Gala Committee: A great big thank-you to the entire Gala Committee for all their hard work in preparing this year's Gala. Thank -you all that have help make this year's Gala a great success!!

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Draft State Implementation Plan outlines plans for the Washington Metropolitan Area to achieve the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS);

WHEREAS, attainment of the ozone NAAQS is important for the protection of health and welfare (welfare includes non-health measures of impacts such as impacts on vegetation) of the citizens of the Mount Vernon District;

WHEREAS, the draft State Implementation Plan forecasts future attainment of the ozone NAAQS to be marginal, at best, for monitors in Arlington, Fairfax and Mount Vernon;

WHEREAS, there are significant uncertainties in the analysis formed that threaten the attainment of the ozone NAAQS, the number of vehicle miles traveled in the region and of those vehicles, thus, simple assumptions such as vehicle speed will have a significant impact upon the actual emissions;

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are a significant component of regional emissions for the Washington Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, because vehicle emissions are a significant component of regional emission for the Washington Metropolitan Area and because land use decisions often push residents further from the locations of their jobs and from public transportation and

WHEREAS, the availability of housing near where those residents work can have a significant positive benefit for both of life and reductions in vehicle emissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to recommend to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments that the draft SIP be amended to include more long term measures to employ changes in land use to encourage the development of density development along public transportation corridors

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to recommend to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments that the draft SIP be amended to encourage additional funding for public transportation so that it will be more attractive than driving in either single or double occupancy vehicles.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to amend the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance (FCZO) to revise certain recreational facilities provisions in the Planned Development Housing (PDH), Planned Development Commercial (PDC) and Planned Residential Use (PRM) Districts, in particular concerning the required per dwelling unit expenditure per dwelling unit, currently \$955.00 (the proposed amendment);

WHEREAS, the requirement to pay \$955.00 per unit has been

in effect since April 7, 1997;

WHEREAS, County Staff has recommended that the per unit expenditure be raised to \$1,500.00;

WHEREAS, County Staff has reported that according to *Architects Contractors Engineers Guide to Construction Costs, 2007 Edition, Volume XXXVIII, the Construction Cost Index (CCI) has increased by 59% since the per unit expenditure was raised from \$500.00 (its original amount from 1975) to \$955.00 (in 1997);*

WHEREAS, raising the per unit expenditure from \$955.00 to \$1,500.00 comprises an increase of about 57%, commensurate with the increase in the CCI since 1997;

WHEREAS, the Staff Report recommends that all rezonings and final development plans approved prior to the effective date of this amendment be grandfathered from the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) believes the increase in the per unit expenditure requirement and the grandfathering provision are reasonable exercises of the zoning power of the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVCCA does not oppose the proposed amendment.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Virginia Code, the Commonwealth of Virginia permits condemnation actions to facilitate the completion of the construction of highways;

WHEREAS, the construction of highways may proceed under Section 33.8-95 process, a relative fast action wherein land rights are transferred to the government at the initiation of legal process, subject to later legal review (see attached summary Statute);

WHEREAS, sidewalks, which should often be a part of highway construction, are unfortunately not covered under part of the Code;

WHEREAS, sidewalks, when required for purposes of health, safety and welfare may currently be taken with condemnation action, but such action may only be effected under the Section process, a process which is cumbersome and will take two years before land rights are transferred after all legal review is completed;

WHEREAS, the basic decision for condemnation action should always be anchored on a dire need for the public health, safety and welfare, while the need to proceed with Section 25.8-36.1 is only a subordinate decision, contingent on requirements for speed based on fiscal or safety concerns;

WHEREAS, public sidewalks and associated lighting on "highways" in Fairfax County (defined for the purpose of Resolution as being an arterial as per the Virginia Department of Transportation Functional Classification System as adopted by Fairfax County) are needed to provide an important and safe means of access to and from schools, bus stops and other

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accommodations and for wheelchair accessibility;

WHEREAS due to the incremental and discontinuous nature of land development and the infrequent construction or reconstruction of public sidewalks, trails and bus stops, such sidewalks and bus stops in Fairfax County are often unfinished, incomplete, and thus create pedestrian routes to schools, bus stops and other public accommodations or present obstacles for wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS the lack of such complete, continuous sidewalks, trails and bus stops has been shown to be a contributing factor to pedestrian traffic injuries and fatalities and thus represents a danger to public health, safety and welfare, requiring prompt action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Virginia General Assembly be urged to amend applicable Sections of the Virginia Code which permits condemnation action in support of the construction of highways, to also incorporate sidewalks, associated lighting, when they are deemed to be in the interest of public health, safety and welfare regarding any "highway" as defined above.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the elected officials representing the Mount Vernon District adopt any new legislation and when passage of recommended changes to the Virginia Code occur, and to also exercise the more expedient option for sidewalks and associated lighting construction, whenever condemnation is deemed essential to provide safety for pedestrian traffic on unfinished sidewalk and required associated lighting on "highways" as defined herein.

NORTH HILL REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) has expressed continuing support for (1) economic development countywide that includes Affordable Workforce housing appropriate to current and emerging needs; and (2) maintenance and enhancement of environmental quality and recreational access throughout the Mount Vernon District, and in particular at the 35 acre tract of land known as North Hill;

WHEREAS, an APR Nomination by a private citizen to amend the Comprehensive Plan regarding North Hill was deferred for reasons including completion of a Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation (the Evaluation) of North Hill;

WHEREAS the Evaluation was completed on August 24, 2006 and confirmed the feasibility of constructing homes on North Hill, provided the site preparation recommended in the Evaluation is implemented;

WHEREAS approximately 11 acres (the 11 acres) located at the Southeast corner of North Hill are currently zoned MHP and a previously approved zoning permits up to 103 homes to be constructed on the 11 acres, with development costs being lower than previous estimates due to current building technology not available 25 years ago;

WHEREAS the MVCCA has evaluated the need for adequate affordable and workforce housing on the 11 acres;

WHEREAS North Hill was acquired through condemnation proceedings for low to moderate housing needs with the representation made to the Federal Government that North Hill would be developed with low to moderate income housing;

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) is legally and ethically obligated through the terms of its acquisition of North Hill to use that property, in perpetuity, in accordance with purposes of providing safe and accessible opportunities for housing affordable to "low to moderate income households" under standards and purposes defined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

WHEREAS, any effort by the RHA or the County to transfer or use this property for other purposes may expose the RHA and the County to risk of litigation and unintended consequences;

WHEREAS the RHA can develop the remaining 35 acres of North Hill by right, with affordable homes or a combination of affordable homes and permitted use (such as safe, usable neighborhood park maintained and made accessible to low to moderate income residents);

WHEREAS the need for parkland and open space along Richmond Highway is a well-recognized public concern, and the development of North Hill would include at a minimum 18 acres (750,000 square feet) of community focused park;

WHEREAS manufactured homes ensure home ownership by local workforce at a much lower cost than any other type of ownership, and would be a significant addition to the depleted number of affordable and workforce homes in the area;

WHEREAS Woodley Hills Estates, the manufactured home community most directly affected and adjacent to North Hill, completion of Phase II of the redevelopment plan for North Hill with manufactured housing, thus completing the community development promised by Fairfax County officials in 1986, and the remaining acreage of North Hill to be redeveloped as a usable community park, permitting preservation of significant environmental resources;

WHEREAS planned manufactured home communities are a viable option in replacing mobile home parks that will continue to decrease in number along the Richmond Highway corridor and other types of housing (townhouses, garden apartments, and condominiums) are increasing in number and in per unit cost;

WHEREAS since the RHA has not yet submitted a specific plan of redevelopment for North Hill, the MVCCA is not able, at this time, to provide comments with regard thereto, including with respect to environmental issues such as, for example, storm water and open space issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA supports construction of at least 65 and up to 103 manufactured homes, in the 11 acres of North Hill, provided site plans acceptable to the Woodley Hills Estates and other adjacent communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA continues to promote the protection of park space on North Hill by urging the Board of Supervisors to request that at least 18 acres (over 750,000 square feet) of North Hill be redeveloped into a community-focused park and transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority as a permanent park, protecting existing tree cover and serving the needs of local residents and the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the MVCCA reserves the right to provide comments with regard to the specific plan of redevelopment of North Hill, once it is provided by the RHA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED , that the MVCCA supports the by-right redevelopment of the approximately 11 acres of North Hill currently zoned R -MHP into a planned manufactured home community while redeveloping the remaining acres, including the portion zoned C -8, as a usable community park.

AMENDMENT TO THE MVCCA BY -LAWS:

The MVCCA Board of Directors has approved a motion to amend the MVCCA bylaws to make the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing a Standing Committee.

WHEREAS , the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing has become an important and integral part of the structure of the MVCCA;

WHEREAS the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing is confronted with a continuum of work dealing with the complexities of housing needs, both affordable and workforce; and

WHEREAS , the Committee's mission and purpose is of such gravity and scope as to also require long range planning and evaluation to accomplish its mission and fulfill its purpose;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bylaws of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association be amended to establish the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing as a standing committee.

THE MVCCA 20th Annual Gala

Saturday April 21st 2007

5:00 PM at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club

You are cordially invited to attend the 20th Annual Mount Vernon Gala as we celebrate the 2007 Citizen of the Year for the Mount Vernon District and recognize an outstanding non-profit organization for their long-time contribution to the Mount Vernon District.

TICKETS: \$35.00 per person

Ticket Price includes: Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, Appetizers, Salad, Entrées & Dessert

Payment will be accepted at the March 28th Council meeting. Payment is due ASAP. Seats will be limited to 185 this year so make your reservation and pay early.

2007 Citizen of the Year: Mack Rhoades

2007 Organization of the Year: Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary

PROGRAM

5:00 – 6:15 PM Social Hour with Cash Bar/Silent Auction Bids
6:15 – 6:30 PM Seating & Salad Served
6:30 – 7:15 PM Buffet Style Dinner
7:15 – 7:30 PM Master of Ceremonies Introductions etc.
7:30 – 8:00 PM Citizen/Organization of the Year Presentations
8:00 – 8:30 PM Mr. Michael K. Bohn
8:30 PM – Completion of Program

Silent Auction Items

Lunch with your Mt. Vernon officials:

- Senator Toddy Puller & Delegate Kris Amundson – the Dynamic Duo
- Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Gerry Hyland, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor
- Dan Storck, Chairman & Mt. Vernon Representative, Fairfax County School Board
- CPT Mike Kline, Mt. Vernon Police Station Commander
- CPT Elton Wright, Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue #9, Commander

Food Specialties & Treats

- Dishes of India (Dinner Certificate donated by Dishes of India)
- Pane E Vino (Dinner gift card donated by Pane E Vino)
- Sherwood Gourmet (gift certificate donated by Greg Husar)
- Goodie Box (donated by Mildred Cox)
- Myrtle Beach Condo (donated by Ron Fitzsimmons)
- Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel (donated by Sonia Saleh – 718-670-7406)
- AKA Korman Communities (donated by Scott Foster – 202-904-2505)
- Hilton Garden Inn -Greenbelt (donated by Afiya Miles – 301-474-7400)
- Wyndam Hotel & Resorts (anonymous donor)

Fun, Entertainment and Sports

- Six Flags of America tickets (donated by the Mt. Vernon Voice)
- Movie Tickets (donated by Mt. Vernon Multiplex)
- Redskins Football Tickets w/special parking privileges (donated by Chris & Martha Granger)

Specialty Items

- Jamestown pin (donated by Senator Patsy Ticer)
- Decorative Bowl (donated by Senator Patsy Ticer)
- Signed Books by Author and Mt. Vernon resident Michael Bohn
- Dozen of roses in a vase (donated by Sunflower)
- Custom ceramic impression of a child's hand or (donated by My Kissing Hands, LLC)
- Travel Bag (donated by Friendly Travel)
- Specialty item (donated by Hybla Valley Nursery)
- 1/10th of an Ad page (donated by the Mt. Vernon Gazette)
- Landscaping and Full Service Nursery (donated by Hybla Valley Nursery)
- Pencil and oil painting (donated by Dorothy S. Bell)
- MVCCA 20th Annual Gala Memento bag
- Life Changing

- Ride-a-long (donated by Mt. Vernon Police Station)

Please familiar yourself with the attached Silent Auction Guidelines. Thanks for participating and Bid — Bid — Bid!!!

Note: Member associations and residents in the Mt. Vernon District are encouraged to support the individuals and businesses that support the MVCCA.

THE MVCCA 20th Annual Gala

Hosted by the MVCCA and sponsored by the following local businesses:

Founders' Circle



Order of the Guard



Liberty League



MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

Treasurer's Report

For Period from January 1, 2007 through April 12, 2007

	Budget 2007	Actual to Date	Budget Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$1,556.00	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,194.00	-\$306.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	225.00	0.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$5,265.00	\$2,620.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,370.00	\$9,684.00	\$2,314.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$810.00	\$5,189.00
Administrative	\$225.00	\$116.80	\$108.20
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
Web Site	\$690.00	\$135.00	\$555.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$1,062.80	\$7,902.20
Balance Ending April 12		\$10,777.20	

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

FOR MAY 2007

MVCCA Board SUPV Thursday May 10, 2007 7:30 PM

Date	Day	Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
4/26	Th	7:00	SCAWH	MVGC-CR3	JoJo Shifflett	703-704-9222
5/1	T	7:30	COAF	WWMSPC	Queenie Cox	703-360-2414
5/1	T	7:30	H/HS	IMVH-Engl	Louise Cleveland	703-780-9151
5/2	W	8:00	EDUC	WWMSL	Judy Harbeck	703-780-1883
5/2	W	7:30	E&R	SCGC-219	Larry Zaragoza	703-447-1288
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5/7	M	7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	Jay Spiegel	703-619-0101
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