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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 23rd 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 Board Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives, Time

MVCCA Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 25th 2007, 8:00 PM

Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

PRESIDING: Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier.

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

Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Crosspointe, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Hollindale, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon Mobile Homes, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, New Gum Springs, Olde Belhaven Towne, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Skyview Park, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor.

Announcements

AMENDMENT TO THE MVCCA BY-LAWS was published in the April Record, and is published again this month on page 14. For consideration and vote by the Council on May 23rd.

The Co-Chairs have appointed JoJo Shifflett as the Chair of the new Standing Housing Committee, if the By-law Amendment is approved by the Council. This appointment will be subject to ratification of the Council during the May 23rd meeting.

The Co-Chairs have appointed Rob Johansson as the new Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, subject to ratification of the Council during the May 23rd meeting.

THE COUNCIL Minutes

MINUTES were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – Minutes as published. George announced that he is retiring as committee chair and introduced Robert Johansson who has been designated by the co-chairs to be his replacement. This appointment will be published for ratification in May.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published.

Education – Minutes as published. May meeting will deal with teacher training issues. June meeting will be a joint meeting with Health and Human Services to discuss psychological services available in schools.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. This has been their busiest month with three meetings to deal with state implementation plan for ozone level compliance, BRAC, and North Hill concerns. Chair testified at BRAC hearing on their EIS as Committee Chair, not as representing MVCCA. See Resolutions.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. May 2 is the groundbreaking for the new wing of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital which will house expanded radiation facilities and a Women's Center. Two meetings to note:

May 8 – Conference on Suicide Prevention and Mental Wellness, emphasis on youth;

May 14 – Route One Task Force on Human Services Annual Meeting which will include reports from our State Legislators and a report on the County Budget. Contact Louise for information. Louise also listed topics that will be considered at upcoming meetings: Treatable Mental Illness, Community Disaster Preparation, Affordable Housing for People with Special Needs; Health Care Safety, Progress Report on Hospital(s) and Healthplex; Prevention Coordinator. Please contact Louise if you have interest or expertise in any of these.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. Ginny Wells, Engleside, indicated her community has some transportation issues re: the new Daks location.

Public Safety – Minutes as published. Agenda for next meeting is Alcohol Safety Awareness Program (ASAP). Dallas also paid tribute to Charlie Rexroad, long-time member of Public Safety committee and IMVH Auxiliary, who died last weekend.

Transportation – Minutes as published. Chair testified at BRAC hearing on their EIS as Committee Chair, not as representing MVCCA.

FCFCA REPORT – Greg Scoma is on TDY.

SFDC – Representative Tom Hooks reports that SFDC is working on the same projects as P&Z. They are promoting the building of commercial zones to bring employment to the area. Two hotels are being considered for the area north of Quander Road.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Minutes as published. The rumors regarding Spring Gardens apartments were investigated; the Section 8 contract there does not expire until 12/31/09. Committee will continue to watch.

Paula Sampson of RHA wrote a letter to the Supervisor's office re: the One Penny Fund Report; she will meet with the committee next Wednesday (note change) in the Supervisor's Conference

Committee made available a brochure "Understanding Today's Manufactured Housing."

SUPERVISOR'S TIME – Supervisor Hyland has quite a few appointments to fill; contact him or Brett if interested. Corps of Engineers report on correcting flooding at Huntington will be out by December. Handout included remarks and proposal on the FY2008 Budget; testimony on the BRAC EIS from Supervisor Hyland, State Delegate Vivian Watts, BOS Chair Connolly, Fairfax County Executive Griffin; SmarTrip Cards on Fairfax Connector Buses; Gypsy Moth Treatment.

STATE DELEGATE Kris Amundson presented Mack Rhoades with a declaration from the State Legislature congratulating him on his selection as Citizen of the Year and signed by Senators Puller and Ticer and Representatives Englin and herself.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT – Robert Johansson has been appointed acting chair of Budget and Finance; his appointment will be printed in the Record for a vote in May.

Chris Granger has been appointed by the co-chairs to replace Mary Richards as editor of the Record. Approved 37-0-0.

Gala Committee – Chairman Chris Granger reported that the gala was a great success. The treasurer has requested that final numbers be published only after all income and receipts have been received and justified.

RESOLUTIONS

Environment and Recreation – Urgent Resolution on Fort Belvoir BRAC was proposed in order to have MVCCA concerns on record. E&R Chairman Larry Zaragoza and Transportation Chairman Frank Cohn had both testified as MVCCA committee chairs at the BRAC EIS hearing. Resolution failed 17-18-2.

MVCCA-2007-E/R-02 – Review of the Draft State Implementation Plan (to achieve the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Friendly amendment to add "and mass transit" to the final 'Be it resolved' so that it now reads "...funding for public and mass transit transportation...." Approved 29-0-5.

MVCCA-2007-P/Z-02 – Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Planned Development District Recreation Facilities (to state that MVCCA does not oppose the proposed amendment). Approved 35-0-0.

MVCCA-2007-AWH-01 – North Hill Redevelopment. SCAWH Chair JoJo Shifflett gave a chronology of the North Hill project beginning in 1975 and stated that the committee would like a voice in how RHA develops this property. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland expressed concern about the ability to clean up this site to make it a safe and accessible park. P&Z Chair Jay Spiegel continued the chronology, including the amendments suggested by HHS and P&Z to fine-tune the resolution.

Discussion re: number of units to be built, whether commercial zoning on the frontage should be changed, income requirements to qualify for land lease (homes must be owned; no rentals). Neal McBride questioned whether there would be the problems encountered in South County with Section 8 housing and was assured that ownership would avoid this. John Skudlarek asked for some clarifications and suggested that the rezoning of the C-8 parcel should be stated more definitively. Eleanor Quigley, County Tree Commissioner for MV, made a statement encouraging survival of the trees on the North Hill property. Point of order was raised when a co-chair seemed to be speaking in support of the resolution; a review of the By-laws by the presider indicated that only the presiding co-chair is prevented from expressing support. Motion to table the Resolution passed 20-17-0.

MVCCA-2007-TR-01 – Sidewalk Construction for Pedestrian Safety. Approved 35-0-0.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME – Monica Kelliher-Hamby was introduced as the newly-elected president of Mount Zephyr Association.

Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet this month.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. The following associations attended: MVFCA (new); Mt. Vernon Lakes; New Gum Springs; Potomac Valley/River Bend; Springbank; Stratford Landing; Wellington and Co-Chair Dan Rinzel.

Lara Fritts, Executive Director for Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) was the guest speaker. Ms. Fritts provided a very informative presentation about the SFDC to include:

- Celebrating 25 years during 2007.
- Comprised of an 18-member Board of Directors with appointments from the Mt. Vernon and Lee District Supervisors; Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber; MVCCA and 5-members from SFDC
- Budget is \$190,500
- Has a staff of two

Focused areas are 1) Mary Thoenen Beautification Award; 2) Transportation Initiative; 3) Urban Planning; 4) Sign Plan; and 5) Marketing.

SFDC is working to increase commercial development and on Business Retention. Conducted six visits during 2006. 17% vacancy rate on the Highway and need to fill spaces.

Ms. Fritts provided a list of projects along Richmond Highway. A brief run-down are as follows: Hampton Inn-50 suite room expansion; Ourisman-parking garage; Mid-Town Alexandria (across

from Metro)-80% sold out; Spring Hill Suites and Holiday Inn (across from Montebello); Kings Crossing-back into play; Chili's and Commerce Bank; and Del Ray Glass.

Changes at Beacon Center: Famous Daves; Chipotle; TGIF opened April 27th; Target-no interest in leasing the area of the old gas station;

Walgreens at Wachovia site; Old Groveton-working on financing; US Homes/Lennor at Holly Hill; Public Storage-only 2k sq. ft available; Safeway and Provident Bank;

Mt. Vernon Plaza: Chevys opened; Walgreens at Boswell; Gold's Gym-sold for \$9.9M to Federal Realty; Avery Park on Ladson Lane-sold out; Mt. Vernon Gateway-on hold because of condo market; Vernon Heights at Central Avenue-sold out; Hopkins House Day Care; Daks Restaurant; Hampton Inn & Suites-wooded area between IMP and Woodlawn Plantation plan to open late 2008; Ft. Belvoir-BRAC.

For more information about SFDC or projects along Richmond Highway, you can call on 703-360-5008; visit at 8850 Richmond Highway-Suite 105; or visit its website at www.sfdc.org. If you would like a map of Richmond Highway, send an e-mail to info@sfdc.org.

Consumer Affairs will not be meeting during the summer. Our next meeting will be in the fall—September/October. Enjoy your summer!

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Sulfgrave Manor, Riverside Estates, Wellington and Stratford on the Potomac IV.

The planned speaker on teacher training being unable to attend, the meeting focused on budget issues and on the upcoming (June) joint meeting with MVCCA's Health & Human Services Committee on the general topic of youth mental health services as provided by the schools and other agencies.

The Committee was disappointed that, notwithstanding the recommendations of the MVCCA as to the FY2008 County Budget (and MVCCA's warnings with respect to the extreme tax rate cuts in FY2007 County Budget having come home to roost), the County did not provide additional funding over the 3.5% target recommendation, in order to maintain the tax rate in face of falling home assessments. The School Board faces an approximately \$20 Million shortfall (including net reductions in anticipated state funding) which could jeopardize not only new spending (discretionary increases were only about \$10 Million including \$5.6 Million for continued expansion of all-day kindergarten) but potentially existing programs or teacher compensation. Balancing the School Budget will likely require utilizing all available funds so that the system will have little or no carry forward to apply to the FY2009

Budget. Since the revenue issues caused by real estate downturns are expected to persist at least into FY2009, programs and even COLAs for teachers may be in serious jeopardy if the system starts that cycle "naked."

The Committee discussed various scenarios and potential cuts and concluded that the most significant areas to preserve were teacher salaries and full day kindergarten. The Committee had concerns that the Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) was not sufficiently effective to justify expense. While the Committee recognizes that early exposure to other languages has benefits to brain development in addition to language acquisition, it was doubted that the few hours per week was effective and particularly felt that it would be best to select a single system-wide language (or at least languages available at middle and high school level) so students can choose to continue studies and students moving among elementary schools would likewise be able to continue language study. Spanish, as a system-wide choice, was discussed and has many advantages including available instructors, exposure to the language outside of classrooms to assist in fluency and future utility in ordinary life. While languages such as Chinese and Arabic are discussed as "strategic" languages, there are problems in instructor availability, the difficulty of those languages do not lend themselves to desultory study such as FLES, and what is "strategic" often changes (witness the fate of Russian majors!) However, the very prevalence of Spanish and other political issues may work against that choice. The Chair was given discretion to testify, or not, with those priorities and concerns in mind.

The June joint meeting was also discussed and members reviewed a list of comments and queries derived from the H&HS meeting the previous evening. It seemed apparent from the deliberations of both Committees that the basic framework of this meeting should be a discussion of psychological services available in the schools and through state and/or county entities such as the Community Services Board, how schools and county co-operate and interact with each other and with entities within their own sphere of influence to identify students and families at risk and locate, recommend or provide treatment. The Chair was directed to arrange details with the HHS Chair on this unfortunately topical issue, with the possibility of further meetings on specific issues or areas of concern.

In members' time, a member noted that local schools (specifically Mount Vernon HS) have had a recent significant uptick in poverty levels, as measured by free-and-reduced lunch eligibility. Higher poverty has significant consequences and, while a variety of factors may be at work, the Chair was asked to request the SCAWF to look into whether there is any increase in clustering of subsidized housing in Mount Vernon District or those parts of Lee District which feed into Mount Vernon Schools since that has previously been a concern of both Committees and the Council.

Another member discussed the process of revision of FCPS policies and regulations on cell phone tower placements and contracts.

Next meeting: June 6, 2007, 7:30 pm (NOTE TIME), Whitman MS library Panel on youth mental health services (joint with HHS)

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The meeting was held in the Mount Hybla Room at the South County Government Center Building beginning at 7:30pm and was chaired by Chair Larry Zaragoza. Community representatives in attendance were: Mount Vernon Farms, Huntington, Collingwood on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents Association, Mt. Zephyr, Woodlawn Monor, Wessynton, Collingwood Springs, Spring Bank Community Association, Holland Hall Village Civic Association, Bell Haven Terrace, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Hollin Hills, and United Voice at Kings Crossing Community Association.

Presentation concerning Huntington Mews:

Fairfax County has informed the developers of the Huntington Mews project between River Towers and the Huntington Community that a new flood plain will be announced shortly. If the new flood plain follows the VDOT study flood plain (as expected), the design for the Huntington Mews project will delete three townhouses that would be in the flood plain.

The engineer explained that they did not have the new numbers for storm water as they do not know what the final plan will be. They indicated that Fairfax County should be informing them of the flood plain this month and that the Huntington Mews project will go before the Planning Commission on July 19, 2007.

Mack Rhodes of the Huntington Civic Association indicated that they have or will be addressing the concerns raised by Huntington Civic Associations members.

Larry Zaragoza asked for volunteers to work with the Huntington Mews group to prepare a resolution for the June 2007 meeting.

DAKS Presentation:

Jason Heinberg, the attorney representing DAKS, gave a brief presentation of the "green" restaurant building that they would like to build on Richmond Highway in an area currently zoned R-2, but the proposed restaurant would result in an intensity that is within the planned uses identified on the Comprehensive Plan

The building to be developed will be an environmentally-friendly "green" building where a significant portion of the building will be underground, the roof will be landscaped (i.e. "green" roof), and mechanical systems, etc. will be efficient. Under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria, the developed eating establishment should result in a gold certificate.

DAKS has designed the layout to minimize impacts on surrounding uses. While the higher topography in the rear of the property allows for environmental benefits, Fairfax County staff has

concerns over a parking lot in the front of the building rather than the building being on Richmond Highway. The Committee discussed the environmental benefits over the usual positioning of building along Richmond Highway and passed a Resolution supporting the innovative, "green" development.

Approval/Corrections of the April Minutes:

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

Old Business

Since the North Hill resolution that was passed by the E&R committee in April was sent back to the E&R committee at the Board meeting because of "procedural irregularities", discussion was had concerning the issue. One committee member brought forth a substitute resolution to overcome the procedural flaws. Another committee member raised the point that the WHEREAS clauses did not support the BE IT RESOLVED clauses. This, however, was the point of the drafter and no one present offered suggestions to improve or support the BE IT RESOLVED clauses. A motion was made and passed to withdraw the resolution. While a motion was not passed, the E&R believed that the motion included important information on the value of the mature trees and merits of employing green development practices for any development at the North Hill site. While it was agreed that the E&R had useful comment to make on North Hill, such as the two comments above, the E&R has not adopted a resolution on North Hill related to the recent proposals under discussion.

The E&R discussed the Council discussion on the resolution drafted during the Special meeting held on Sunday April 22 to develop a resolution on BRAC. The committee was aware of a statement from the floor that the resolution was not urgent and that the Council defeated the motion 17-18-2 to consider this resolution as a matter of urgency. Because the comment period for the BRAC EIS closed, because the E&R understood that comment must be in the form of an adopted resolution to be a position of the Council, and because the BRAC actions will have a significant impact on air quality, water quality, wildlife and other areas of interest to the committee, members of the committee requested that the Chair follow up on this issue and report back to the E&R. The Chair thanked the committee for their hard work and stated that we made every effort to coordinate with others, follow the Bylaws, and follow appropriate processes to bring this issue before the Council.

New Business

The Planning and Zoning Chair presented a Resolutions directed to addressing Fairfax County staff's practice of granting administrative waivers for environmental, transportation, stormwater management issues without notice to the Mt. Vernon Supervisor or to the County residents directly effected by these waivers. The E&R Committee supported the Resolution with several comments including a statement that the Public Facilities Manual of Fairfax

County require Notice before granting the specific types of administrative waivers mentioned above.

The committee discussed meeting time and all were agreeable to moving the meeting time up to 7:00 pm. We will verify that the meeting room will be available and if it is, the meeting start time will be changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03.

Minutes of the April 22 Meeting

A special meeting was called to develop a resolution on BRAC. Larry Zaragoza called the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Just Fresh restraint in Mount Vernon Plaza. Associations represented included Spring Bank, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Farms, Wellington, and Wessynton.

The committee built upon their knowledge of BRAC from previous meetings where there was not sufficient time to complete a resolution and testimony offered by the Chair the week before to complete a resolution. The vote on the motion to adopt the resolution was unanimous.

The committee adjourned at 8:00 pm

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engl Conf. Room, with 12 MVCCA member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon MHP, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac Sec. 4, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, and Williamsburg Manor. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Fisher Burrier was present as liaison to the Council.

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Chair's update

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Participation in upcoming events

Members of the committee volunteered to participate in and report on the following May events that provide important opportunities to evaluate public policies that impact delivery of human services: (1) May 8 all day conference sponsored by the county Youth Suicide and Depression Taskforce, (2) May 9 response of county executive director of Dept. of Housing and Community Development to the SCAWH Committee's One Penny Fund Report recommendations, (3) May 14, when state legislators and county deputy executive for Human Services report on the outcomes of the state legislative session and county budget approval, for the Route One Task Force on Human Services.

Agenda/Key Questions

Committee members are identifying resources and key questions for the agenda of future meetings. Our schedule, subject to availability of guest resources, is planned as:

July 10: Community disaster preparedness / neighborhood

Sept. 4: Inova Mount Vernon Hospital / Lorton Healthplex update on plans and operations

Oct. 2: Affordable housing policies in relation to special needs and "Homes First" strategies

Nov. 6: Health Care Safety Net and issues of uninsured care

Dec. 4: Fairfax County Coordination of Prevention Programs and Strategies

Meetings—open to the public

Wednesday, June 6, Joint Meeting of MVCCA Education/Health and Human Services Committees, Walt Whitman School Media Center, 7:30 p.m., Mental health, mental illness, and crisis prevention among youth. Guest resources from the Fairfax County Public Schools psychological and social services and from the Community Services Board. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151, and Education Chair Judy Harbeck.

Wednesday, June 13, Southeast Health Planning Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Mount Vernon Govt Center/Supervisor's Conf Rm. Chair Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The May 7, 2007 meeting of the MVCCA Planning & Zoning Committee convened at 7:40 PM at the Jack Knowles meeting room at Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was attended by representatives of Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Montebello CUOA, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Sherwood Estates, Spring Bank, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton HA, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, and William H. Randall CA.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted and the minutes as published in the April, 2007 MVCCA record were approved. Earl Flanagan reported the unanimous approval of the Crabtree Project, SEA 2002-MV-028, by the Planning Commission and indicated that the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has not yet been scheduled. It was learned, after the meeting that the BOS hearing has been scheduled for June 4, 2007. An e-mail from Aaron Liebert of JPI was read to the Committee updating concerning the Kings Crossing Project. In essence, the Project is essentially at a standstill because the primary land owner, Archon, is waiting for the outcome of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding Big Box Retail Establishments before deciding whether to sell their land to JPI. That proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment passed the Planning Commission with an 80,000 square foot threshold above which a Special Exception will be required for locating a Big Box Retail Establishment on a property. According to Mr. Liebert, if the BOS approves the 80,000 square foot threshold, rather than a higher threshold, it will be more likely that Archon will agree to convey their property to JPI to facilitate the Kings Crossing Project. The BOS public hearing is scheduled on May 21, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

David Dale, President of Spring Bank, made a brief presentation concerning how the MVCCA should handle resolutions

from a plurality of MVCCA Committees concerning the same project. The Chair agreed to take up this issue with the MVCCA Board of Directors.

Paul Wilder and Roger K. Bohr appeared next to make the presentation concerning a proposed Special Exception for the property at 1111 I Street SE in the Bellevue neighborhood, SE 2005-MV-017. Also present was the property owner, Kevin J. O'Neill. The Committee raised numerous issues concerning the proposal including the proposals to place 555 cubic yards of fill and to significantly increase the amount of impervious area created over that of the existing dwelling. Suggestions were made by the Committee concerning use of pervious materials for driveways and turning areas as well as perhaps reducing the amount of fill by eliminating garages and lowering the parking areas as well as perhaps constructing the duplex building on pilings to elevate it without use of fill. After lengthy discussion, the Committee voted to defer consideration of this project to the June 11, 2007 meeting of the Committee by a vote of 13-4-2.

Next, the Committee heard a presentation from Jason Heinberg of the Walsh, Colucci Law Firm on behalf of the developers of a proposed project known as the Carrhomes Project, RZ/FDP 2007-MV-011. The proposal is to re-zone approximately 7.459 acres fronting on Telegraph Road near the intersection of Telegraph Road and Newington Road from the R-1 District to the PDH-2 District. The presentation included an enlarged drawing of the proposal showing 13 home sites. Questions were asked regarding the footprints of the houses as shown in the drawing, the amount of clearing and grading necessary to accomplish the project, the existence of steep slopes, the fact that a dry pond is shown on the parcel adjacent to a dry pond on the adjoining parcel as well as whether the proposed street is sufficiently wide enough to support two-way traffic plus parking on at least one side of the street. It was suggested that these issues be taken into account when the developer returns to the Committee for a vote on a resolution. This case is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on September 27, 2007. As such, we do expect to schedule this project at either the June or July meeting.

Next, a presentation was made by Mr. Heinberg concerning the proposal of Badco, LLC (Badco) to re-zone the property at the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court for the purpose of construction of the new DAKS restaurant. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning issues such as tree coverage, floor area ratio, use of LEED building criteria, and the proposed location of the building on the site. The Chairman reported that he had been informed County Staff intends to oppose the project because the location of the building on the site does not comply with the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan that the building be sited closer to the roadway. However, it was also pointed out to the Committee by the Chairman that another section of the Comprehensive Plan recommends that buildings be sited with respect to natural topography and other environmental and historic features. This appears to be in keeping with the proposed development. The Committee was informed that the adjacent neighborhood represented by the Engleside Association supports the proposed development. The Committee was informed that for a

variety of reasons the owners wish to expedite the County process so that the restaurant can be completed and opened as early as possible. The Committee voted upon a resolution, taking into account the issues discussed above, and approved the resolution to support the proposed development by a vote of 18-0-1.

Finally, consideration was given to a resolution concerning procedure for administrative waivers of required transportation and environmental improvements. The resolution presented to the Committee was as approved earlier in the evening by the Transportation Committee. The proposed resolution, however, was considered as a separate resolution of the P&Z. In essence, the resolution requests that where developers request certain categories of administrative waivers, relating to frontage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, turn lanes, lighting, drainage, and storm water management, as enumerated in the PFM, that the County require a 30 day waiting period from the date of filing of the request and publication of the request to enable parties including the MVCCA to become aware of such requests in case there is a desire to furnish comments to County Staff or the BOS and PC. After thorough discussion, the resolution was approved by a vote of 18-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, and Williamsburg Manor North. Co-chair Dan Rinzel joined us.

Jason Robbins, a probation counselor, from the Fairfax County Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) gave a presentation on the programs that his agency offers. However, before discussing the specifics of ASAP, he provided the committee members with some background information. He was assisted by Elwood Johns, the Director of the Fairfax County ASAP.

In 1972, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funded several pilot programs to address the issue of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. On March 24, 1972, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation that expanded these programs to establish driver education and rehabilitation programs in an effort to reduce the number of highway tragedies. In 1986, the General Assembly established the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. According to section 18.2-271.2 of the Virginia Code, the Commission is responsible for administering and supervising a state system of local alcohol safety action programs, developing and maintaining operation, and establishing performance standards for local alcohol safety action programs. The Commission which consists of fifteen members (six legislative members and nine non-legislative members) meets on a quarterly basis.

Today there are 24 ASAP programs throughout Virginia which have the responsibility of doing everything they can to lower the number of drunk drivers on Virginia's roadways.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) is a criminal offense. Conviction of a first time offender can mean up to a \$2,500 fine, 12 months loss of license (mandatory unless on ASAP probation) and up to 12 months in jail. A second conviction results in a jail sentence of not less than 1 month nor more than one year; a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$2500; and 36 months loss of license (unless placed on ASAP probation). If placed on ASAP probation you may receive a restricted license and a suspension of some or all of the fines and jail sentence.

Mr. Robbins noted that according to Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles chart of Virginia Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicles Statistics, in 1990, there were 535 alcohol-related fatalities, and in 2005, the number dropped to 322 alcohol-related fatalities. According to Mr. Robbins, ASAP is responsible for the evaluation, referral, and education of individuals charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. When a new client arrives, ASAP has the individual complete a questionnaire and participate in an interview with a counselor. The individual is then classified as needing education, intensive education, or additional treatment. ASAP provides its own twenty hour classes, which cover issues such as what is considered alcohol, what a blood alcohol content level is, what addiction is, and the different trigger level factors. An individual is allowed one excused absence and if he or she misses a second class, must start over, and is charged a \$25 scheduling fee. Mr. Robbins noted that the goal of ASAP classes is to educate its client so that they can make life changes. Individuals who need additional treatment will be referred to a certified substance abuse treatment provider.

He noted that most ASAP clients are referred by the courts but others enroll voluntarily. This program, known as the DMV referral program, is for those clients who have previously fulfilled the ASAP requirement and are now enrolling on a voluntary basis to qualify to get their license reinstated. He added that in Fairfax County, in 2005, there were 3,150 convictions involving driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, although some of these cases were eventually transferred to other jurisdictions where the driver resided.

Mr. Jones stated that his staff of approximately 30 are all Fairfax County employees. ASAP is a user funded program and thus Fairfax County does not provide funds for it. ASAP operates on the fees that are charged for enrollment in its various programs. The program is intended to be user funded so that services for convicted drunk drivers are not a burden on taxpayers. The DUI fee is \$400 (\$300 service fee and \$100 intervention fee). Mr. Jones also commented that in the past year, ASAP has aggressively pursued outstanding debt owed to it and collected approximately \$125,000. He added that, in Virginia, if an individual owes ASAP money, he or she cannot have his or her license reinstated in this state.

However, because some of the individuals convicted of DUI do not have a driver's license, this deterrent does not always assist ASAP in getting clients to pay.

Mr. Robbins also briefly reviewed the other programs that ASAP provides including:

- the first time drug offender program
- Substance Abuse Focused Education (SAFE) that provides classes for both adolescents and their parents
- the habitual offender monitor program for those individuals with multiple DUI charges
- victim impact panel that provided ASAP clients with the opportunity to hear from individuals who have been adversely impacted by a drunk driver – most panel members are bereaved victims and sometimes remorseful offenders
- driver improvement and aggressive driver classes
- ignition interlock supervision

With regard to the last program, where determined necessary, a driver may have a restricted license but must have the ignition interlock system installed by an ASAP approved contractor. The cost is \$125 plus \$50 a month fee. The driver must blow into the device and pass a breath test to start the car. Every 15 minutes or so, it will signal that he must repeat the breath test. If he does not pull over and repeat within about five minutes, the ignition interlock will start blinking all the lights and sound the horns and alarms continuously until the driver does so.

After the presentation, the chair provided a progress report on the Delancey St. replication in Fairfax County.

The effort is being lead by OAR of Fairfax County. The replication will be called 'The Beacon'. The mission is to enable the formerly incarcerated to become productive members of society by supporting them in building and sustaining a community and a business through which they develop the skills and values needed for success in life. They will be living and working together while redirecting their lives positively and profoundly. The residents will hold each other accountable for behavior and personal growth and are responsible for the overall management of the community and the business project. This self-sufficient and sustainable program will ultimately accommodate 100 participants. The Beacon will initially have three houses with four individuals in each. (These houses will not be together.) No persons convicted of a violent or sex crime will be admitted. No OAR staff will live with them although they will visit them each day. There will be a steering committee including previously incarcerated persons, veteran managers with experience in the criminal justice system, and seasoned administrators. Further, there is a 32 member advisory board of which 30% were previously incarcerated. It is expected that The Beacon will start this fall. The planned initial business will be construction. The members will begin working in construction until they have enough experience to begin their own business.

The chair also briefly discussed the July meeting which is planned to be a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee on issues about preparation and response to massive devastation as a result of weather or enemy attacks. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 10 in the Engh conference room in the INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital. The date is changed to avoid atten-

dance problems during the week of the July 4th holiday. The committee briefly discussed the subject matter. The concern is that there are so many things to be covered that they cannot be covered adequately in one evening. The subject will be reviewed again at our next meeting.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, June 7, 2007 in Community Rm. 3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be CAPT Mike Kline, Commander, Mount Vernon Police Station.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8PM on May 7, 2007, in the multi-media center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were representatives of 17 member organizations (Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park), the chair, and three interested citizens.

The Committee discussed the draft of the "Waiver" Resolution, made some minor modifications and passed the resolution with a vote of 16 Yes : 1 No : 0 Abstentions. The proposed changes were hand-delivered to the P&Z Committee which simultaneously adopted a similar resolution. The resolution is published elsewhere in the Record.

The Committee next discussed the draft of the "Apple Orchard Road" Resolution. With minor changes, the Resolution was adopted with a vote of 17 Yes : 0 No : 0 Abstentions. The Resolution is published elsewhere in the Record.

In response to a community complaint, the matter of pedestrian safety at the Huntington Ave/Route #1 intersection was examined. A sidewalk exists on the south side of Huntington Avenue when approaching Route #1 from both directions. However a pedestrian crosswalk and pedestrian crossing light is located on the north side of the Huntington Avenue/Route #1 intersection. The crosswalk and traffic light need to be moved to the south side to be in line with the existing sidewalk. Since this intersection is within the scope of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, the chair will first contact their public relations manager, Alex Lee. If he is unable to effect the change, the chair will seek the assistance of the Mt Vernon District Supervisor. Additionally, the Committee was apprised of ongoing actions to waive requirements in conjunction with the projected renovation of Hampton Inn in the vicinity of that location; the Committee will monitor this action.

Another community complaint was examined involving access to Schooley Drive. The street is cut-off from turns by southbound Route #1 traffic by a median. Primary access for southbound Route #1 traffic to Schooley Drive is by way of a service road which runs between Memorial Drive and Beacon Hill Road. The projected construction of a Walgreen drugstore at that location has involved a proposal to cut the service road, forcing access to

Schooley Drive via Memorial in a circuitous routing. Aside from residential access, emergency vehicle access will also be affected. The Committee indicated by a unanimous vote to support the request of the residents to retain the service road. The Chair will follow-up.

The Committee received updates on the following: (1) The MVCCA Council approved the "Sidewalk" Resolution by a unanimous vote. (2) The new Daks Restaurant to be located in the Engleside Shopping Center will experience problems by customers leaving the restaurant and attempting to make a left turn into Highway #1. The P&Z Committee has been apprised and will discuss the problem with the developer. No Committee action appears warranted at this time, but the matter will be monitored upon the opening of the restaurant to determine if any intervention is needed. (3) The remedial intervention to correct the Dead Man Curve on Hooes Road was left partially unresolved in view of funding constraints which were not relayed by VDOT to the affected citizenry. While the future widening of the road will solve the problem, such construction might be still 10 years or more in the future. (4) The desired sidewalk segment on Old Mill Road at the intersection of McNair which will cure the present hazard of a deep culvert which forces pedestrian into Old Mill Road and which as the consent of the owner and could be funded by money proffered by the Mount Vernon Golf Club has finally been forwarded to FCDOT for action. (5) The three-way stop at the Old Mill Road/Lukens Lane intersection currently awaits intervention by Delegate Amundson to convince VDOT to allow for a trail period of about 6 month after the signs have been erected. (6) The Chair and Mr. Earl Flanagan have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan corrections requested by us and written into the plan by the County staff. Some corrections remain to be made (e.g. The Huntington Ave/Route #1 intersection must remain an intersection not a 2 level interchange) and follow-up will be effected. (7) The Chair needs to follow-up the lack of a response by the Park Authority to a letter dispatched by the Chair reference promised construction at the Belle View/ GW Memorial Parkway intersection.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM, Monday, June 4, 2007, in the multi-media center in the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Attendance: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon CA, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents CA, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates CA Inc., Sherwood Forest Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing CA, Stratford on the Potomac - SEC IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA, Wellington, Woodley Estates, Mount Vernon Civic Association also attending – Paula Sampson, Dir., FC Dept. of Housing, Elisabeth Lardner, Mount Vernon Commissioner to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Daniel Fisher-Burrier and Jerry Ireland, co-chairs of MVCCA, Ron Fitzsimmons of Supervisor Hyland's office.

John Jeszenszky, acting chair of the Special Committee, called the

meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at the Mount Vernon Government Center. A revised resolution on North Hill was distributed for discussion and vote at the end of the meeting. The main focus of the meeting was the presence of the Director of the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. Paula Sampson who accepted the committee's invitation to address questions on the One-Penny Fund operation. Ms. Sampson declined to comment on the recommendations contained in the Committee's report on "Penny for Affordable Housing" which was distributed in draft for comment in March 2007, indicating that written comments would be provided at a later date.

Ms. Sampson began with an elaboration of the FY 2006 Progress Report submitted by the Special Subcommittee of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The report reviews the progress of the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund in relation to principles, priorities and guidelines endorsed by the Board of Supervisors. Commenting on Overriding Principle 1 – preservation with a goal of 1000 units, Ms. Sampson indicated 1370 units preserved to date, with another 146 in the pipeline. Overriding Principle 2 – full commitment of the Fund – 95.1% was spent in FY 2006, with 4.1% encumbered. Overriding Principle 3 – opportunity driven – all funded projects were new – not previously in the pipeline. An issue that caused concern among those attending was the comment the Affordable House Advisory committee was considering a recommendation that 50% of next year's funds be provided to the 50% and below population. A copy of the entire report was provided to those attending.

Responding to SCAWH questions that were sent to Ms. Sampson to be addressed at our meeting, Ms. Sampson explained that she does not believe there has been a significant reduction in funding from Fairfax County and Non-Fairfax County Funds. Regarding "earmarks", she was aware of only one that was necessitated by a special opportunity that arose for preserving units put up for sale. Much discussion centered around the reporting procedure on the One-Penny Fund. Ms. Sampson agreed to include an addendum to this year's report that will provide more detail on the different types of funds used in workforce housing development projects to bring into balance the use of One-Penny funds and other monies. As there was insufficient time to discuss the Subsidized Housing Waiting List, Ms. Sampson promised to provide the SCAWH with written comments on this subject.

Ms. Sampson commented that the North Hill Redevelopment Project was in the early stages of planning and that the RHA has met with community groups and plans to continue such meetings in the near future to obtain community views and ideas for the development.

The committee took up a revised resolution on "North Hill Redevelopment" for a vote. With an amendment to the "Now therefore be it resolved" paragraph the revised resolution passed 8-1-1. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2007, 7:00 pm., at Mt. Vernon Government Center.

E&R Resolution: DAKS RESTAURANT (RZ 2007-MV-004)

WHEREAS, the adoption of environmentally sustainable development is emerging throughout the Metropolitan Washington area;

WHEREAS, the site plan and April 20, 2007 proffers offered by DAKS restaurant provide a number of environmentally sensitive features including a reduced footprint, a green roof, placement of part of the building underground to conserve energy, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building criteria, use of recycled building materials, adherence to stormwater requirements of the County and other sustainable practices;

WHEREAS, locating the restaurant at the rear of the property enhances the appearance and environmental benefits of the site plan;

WHEREAS, environmentally sustainable development should be encouraged;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the site plan and April 20 (2007) proffers attached to this resolution, the MVCCA supports the site plans and April 20 proffers offered for DAKS restaurant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to approve the requested rezoning and Generalized Development Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges the Planning Commission and County Staff to expedite the review and approval process for this project.

P&Z Resolution: BADCO, LLC d/b/a DAKS RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, Badco, LLC (Badco) proposes to re-zone a property located at the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court and identified in the Fairfax County Tax Map Records by No. 101-3((1))96 for the purpose of constructing a DAKS restaurant at that location, as set forth in the proposed site plan and proffers dated May 7, 2007, as attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is proposed with a tree coverage of 28.4% for the site, nearly three times the 10% tree cover required; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is proposed with a floor area ratio (FAR) of .136 FAR, well under the limit of .35 FAR; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is proposed to be constructed using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building criteria, use of recycled building materials, adherence to storm water retention requirements of the County, and other sustainable energy saving practices; and

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WHEREAS, the restaurant building does not comply with a recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan (CP) because the building is proposed to be constructed toward the rear of the property - in this regard, the CP recommends: "Where feasible, orient commercial buildings toward the road with parking lots to the side and rear to create an urban atmosphere"; and

WHEREAS, another recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan recommends that buildings be sited "with respect to natural topography and other environmental and historic features"; and

WHEREAS, the DAKS restaurant building is proposed to take advantage of the natural topography of the site by constructing the building with a significant portion underground to hide the building from an adjacent property and advance Fairfax County energy efficiency goals, and provides streetscaping along Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court in accordance with the recommendations of the CP; and

WHEREAS, although it will be necessary to cut down a number of trees at the site of the building, despite this fact, after construction is complete, again, the tree cover will be almost triple the minimum County requirement of 10%; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent neighborhood, represented by the Engleside Association has informed the MVCCA that they support the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the MVCCA is informed that, for a variety of reasons, the owners of Badco wish to expedite the process of approval of the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, given the environmental, energy-related and aesthetic benefits to the particular location of the proposed building, there are good and sufficient reasons for the MVCCA to support the proposed development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA supports approval of the requested re-zoning and Generalized Development Plan by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), subject to the approval of the site plan and May 7, 2007 proffers attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA urges the Planning Commission and County Staff as well as BOS to expedite the review and approval process for this project.

TRANS Resolution: PROCEDURE FOR WAIVERS OF REQUIRED TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Whereas, land development activities in Fairfax County including both small "in-fill" projects and larger development efforts require the completion of transportation and environmental improvements, including, but not limited to frontage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, turn lanes, lighting, drainage and storm water

management; such requirements being enumerated in the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual and elsewhere; and

Whereas, such required improvements may represent a significant monetary value to the County, in the context of significant unmet transportation and environmental needs; and

Whereas, developers frequently request administrative waivers for such requirements, for a variety of reasons, either as part of their plan approval process, or once projects have begun construction; and

Whereas, County staff have frequently granted such administrative waivers, absolving the developer of the cost and/or inconvenience of making such improvements, and resulting in the elimination of sidewalks, vehicular deceleration lanes, site lighting, etc., as well as environmental improvements such as stormwater treatment facilities, to the detriment of pedestrian and vehicular safety, as well as the environment; and

Whereas, such administrative waivers are frequently granted without offsetting contributions or proffers to construct compensatory improvements; and

Whereas, although many administrative waivers currently require a 30 calendar day comment period, some administrative waivers are granted without full and broad public notification and input and without benefit of scrutiny by the affected public.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) urges that the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County create a requirement in the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) that all administrative waivers of required transportation, environmental or related improvements affecting pedestrian or vehicular safety and welfare and/or environmental aspects require a minimum 30 calendar day waiting period, effective upon the date of submission of a written request to the County, and that during this period the respective District Supervisor shall be notified by County staff and the waiver shall be published for public scrutiny in a publication read by and readily available to the public.

Be it Further Resolved that the MVCCA requests that, as a necessary component of the new requirement requested herein, that such publication shall include the developer's reasons for requesting an administrative waiver, and an estimate of the cost of the improvements that will not be made should the administrative waiver be granted.

Be it Finally Resolved that the MVCCA requests that the new requirement include that no administrative waiver shall be granted until any resultant public comments or objections are acknowledged in writing by the Department of Public Works within the 30 day waiting period, and addressed by the respective District Supervisors, with the final decision on whether or not to grant the administrative waiver being made by the appropriate County Official.

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.

TRANS Resolution: CLOSING APPLE ORCHARD ROAD

Whereas, the short segment of Lorton Road extending through Fairfax County's Laurel Hill Park (between the Giles Run Bridge and its hill-top intersection with Furnace Road) has been a long-time traffic-safety problem due to its narrow, hilly and winding roadway; and

Whereas, the ever increasing residential and commuter traffic as well as tourist traffic destined to visit the planned cultural, recreational, health-care and commercial programs being developed in the Laurel Hill Park area, will further increase the need for attention to safety measures; and

Whereas, the short (150-yards), official-use-only County Road, former Prison Farm service road, commonly called "Apple Orchard Road", that connects Lorton and Furnace Roads about halfway along the above-referenced Lorton Road segment, has become an unfortunately attractive backdoor short-cut for scores of area landfill-bound trucks, in spite of the posted prohibition of traffic, that should otherwise be using the I-95/Furnace Road Intersection designated for such purposes, and

Whereas, such inappropriate and illegal truck traffic on "Apple Orchard Road", ending in a sharp curve, has been the cause of innumerable actual and near-miss accidents, and

Whereas, the several private and public sector recipients and providers of such truck traffic (e.g. Lorton Debris Landfill, I-95 Incinerator/Hazardous Waste Recovery Center Complex, Vulcan Quarry and Virginia Paving Plant) have already initiated or will soon initiate operating procedures to avoid and preclude the use of "Apple Orchard Road" by their client-customers, and

Whereas, the upgrading of the transportation net in the Laurel Hill Park area, with funding to be approved in the proposed 2007 Transportation Bond Referendum, which will essentially eliminate the existing traffic-safety issues, will not be completed until 2010 at the earliest.

Therefore Be It Resolved: that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, direct the immediate closure of the road known as "Apple Orchard Road" in the Laurel Hill area.

SCAWH Resolution: NORTH HILL AS A GREEN COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) has expressed continuing support for (1) revitalization and development countywide that includes Affordable and Workforce housing appropriate to current and long-term 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 was re-zoned R-MHP in 1982, and the re-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 maximum density in an area zoned R-MHP is 6 dwelling units per acre, for a total of 66 dwelling units on the 11 acres, and construction of 66 dwelling units would be a reasonable use of that land given the maximum density requirements for an R-MHP zoning district;

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 redeveloped 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 stan-

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dards 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 may develop the 11 acres of North Hill by right with affordable homes and the remaining 24 acres (over 1,000,000 square feet) as a related HUD-permitted use (such as a safe, usable neighborhood park maintained and made accessible to low to moderate income residents);

WHEREAS, the need for parkland along Richmond Highway is a well-recognized public concern, and the development of North Hill would preferably include 24 acres (over 1,000,000 sq. feet) of a “green”, environmentally friendly community focused park permitting preservation of significant existing tree cover while providing a premier example to Fairfax county concerning development of open space.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has made a commitment to facilitate environmentally friendly construction within Fairfax County;

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Board of Supervisors’ commitment to facilitate environmentally friendly construction in Fairfax County, and the MVCCA’s support of that commitment, it would be advantageous for the RHA to incorporate into the redevelopment of the 11 acres use of modern environmentally friendly building techniques including those directed to maximization of energy efficiency, use of recycled materials, incorporation of modern stormwater retention facilities, and use of passive energy generation such as through use of solar power;

WHEREAS, the modern environmentally friendly building techniques including those described above best facilitate obtaining of high levels of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) to provide for energy savings, obtaining of credits for energy efficient building practices, and promotion of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the Green Communities Program (GCP) has been developed to promote many innovations from the “mainstream” green building movement, including the use of environmentally sustainable materials, reduction of environmental impact, and increased energy efficiency;

WHEREAS, the GCP has been developed specifically for affordable housing and has identified opportunities for grants and low interest loans;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with redevelopment of the 11 acres utilizing the most modern, environmentally friendly building techniques, it would be advantageous to provide residents of the dwellings to be constructed on the 11 acres with educational materials enabling them to learn how to maximize energy efficiency within the homes to be constructed;

WHEREAS, to further comply with the Board of Supervisors’ commitment to facilitate more “green” construction in Fairfax County, it would be advantageous to redevelop the remaining 24 acres of North Hill as a model environmentally friendly park utilizing modern storm water run-off retention facilities and permeable surfaces wherever possible;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorized appropriation of feasibility study funds to explore the existing need for a new community center that would also provide shelter to residents of the Woodley Hills Estates community during extreme weather conditions;

WHEREAS, since a community center in Phase II of the redevelopment of North Hill on the 11 acres would serve the entire 25 acre portion of North Hill for which redevelopment would be completed pursuant to Phases I and II of the redevelopment of North Hill;

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the 11 acres of North Hill could be undertaken in the most environmentally friendly way, it would be advantageous to construct such a community center utilizing modern environmentally friendly building techniques such as use of recycled materials, incorporation of modern stormwater retention facilities, and use of passive energy generation such as solar power;

WHEREAS, manufactured homes are a realistic option for piloting a green building development and would ensure home ownership by the local workforce at a much lower cost than most other types of home ownership, and would add to the number of workforce units in the area;

WHEREAS, Woodley Hills Estates, the manufactured home community adjacent to the 11 acres and which would be most directly affected by redevelopment of the 11 acres, supports completion of Phase II of the redevelopment plan for North Hill with modern manufactured housing, which would complete the community redevelopment promised by Fairfax County officials in 1986;

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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, while other types of housing (townhouses, garden-style 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 specific comments addressing environmental issues, accessibility for disabled persons, storm water, open space and other issues the MVCCA may deem appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) supports (1) redevelopment of 66 modern manufactured homes for Workforce Housing needs in the Mount Vernon District, in the most environmentally friendly way possible, provided site plans are acceptable to the Woodley Hills Estates and other adjacent communities, incorporating sustainable and energy efficient building practices building upon both the Green Communities Program (GCP) vision and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) Certification and (2) the remaining 24 acres (over 1,000,000 square feet) be redeveloped into a passive community park that preserves existing trees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA urges that the RHA target a high level of points in the GCP Checklist to maximize opportunities for low interest loans, tax credits, and other benefits as well as a high level leadership in LEED-ND Certification (e.g., Gold/Platinum), to increase opportunities for tax credits, promote sustainable development, and save energy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests the RHA to incorporate, in its site plan for North Hill, all feasible energy efficient building features, "green" landscaping designs, and to provide residents of the new community to be created on the 11 acres with educational materials enabling them to learn how to maximize energy efficiency within the homes to be constructed, while developing a community park on the remaining 24 acres (over 1,000,000 square feet) that will be a model environmentally friendly park utilizing modern storm water run-off retention facilities and permeable surfaces wherever possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests the RHA to consider, in its plan of development for the 11 acres, a modern environmentally friendly community center including underground facilities, the community center to serve the entire redeveloped portion of North Hill and function as both a community center and a shelter during ex-

treme weather conditions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA supports and promotes the protection of a community park on North Hill by urging the Board of Supervisors to request that the remaining 24 acres (over 1,000,000 square feet) of North Hill currently zoned R-2 and C-8 be redeveloped into a community-focused passive park, designed with the most modern environmentally friendly landscaping and storm water retention features available, with best efforts made to protect existing tree cover so that the park best serves the needs of local residents and the community at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA reserves the right to provide comments regarding the specific plan of redevelopment of North Hill once it is provided by the RHA, including environmental issues such as storm water and open space and accessibility issues for disabled persons.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the MVCCA supports the by-right redevelopment of the 11 acres of North Hill currently zoned R-MHP into a planned manufactured home community while redeveloping the remaining 24 acres (over 1,000,000 square feet), including the portion zoned C-8, as a usable passive community park, with the goal to achieve LEED-ND/green community certification for the entire remaining 35 acres of North Hill.

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;

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

The MVCCA would like to thank the following local business's for their sponsorships of the 20th Annual Mount Vernon Gala. The 2007 Gala was a great success!!! If you have the opportunity, please stop by any of these business's and thank them for their contribution.

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Falcone Construction Inc.

Best Smokes

Joe Shifflett Heating & Air Inc.

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

For Period from January 1, 2007 through May 10, 2007

	Budget 2007	Actual to Date	Budget/ Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$1,556.44	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,236.00	-\$264.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	225.00	0.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$9,541.00	\$6,896.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,370.00	\$14,002.50	\$6,632.50
DISBERSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$1,355.49	\$4,644.51
Administrative	\$225.00	\$124.94	\$100.06
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$5,696.38	\$-3,946.38
Web Site	\$690.00	\$270.00	\$420.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DISBERSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$1,062.65	\$1,318.19
Balance Ending May 10th		\$7,912.13	

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR
FOR JUNE 2007****MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday May 10, 2007 7:30 PM**

Date	Day	Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
5/24	Th	7:00	SCAWH	MVGC-CR3	Jojo Shifflett	703-704-9222
NM	—	—	COAF	No Meeting	Queenie Cox	703-360-2414
6/6	W	7:30	H/HS	WWMSL	Louise Cleveland	703-780-9151
6/6	W	7:30	EDUC	WWMSL	Judy Harbeck	703-780-1883
6/6	W	7:00	E&R	SCGC-219	Larry Zaragoza	703-447-1288
6/7	Th	7:30	PSAF	MVGC-CR3	Dallas Shawkey	703-360-2185
6/4	M	8:00	TRANS	WWMSL	Frank Cohn	703-780-5698
6/11	M	7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	Jay Spiegel	703-619-0101
NM	—	—	BUDG	No Meeting	George Bauer	703-768-1774

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