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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 27th 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 Representative's Time

Mount Vernon Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 23rd 2007, 8:00 PM

Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

PRESIDING: Co-chair Dan Rinzel.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Dan Fisher-Burrier, Dan Rinzel; Committee chairs Rob Johannson, Judy Harbeck, Larry Zaragoza, Louise Cleveland, H. Jay Spiegel, Dallas Shawkey, Frank Cohn; Special committee chair Jojo Shifflett; SFDC rep Tom Hook; FCFCA rep Greg Scoma; Editor Chris Granger; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from: Belle Haven Terrace, Calvert Park, Collingwood on the Potomac, Cross Pointe, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Hollindale, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon Mobile Homes, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Skyview Park, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor N, Woodlawn Manor.

MINUTES were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance - Next meeting of committee will be in September.

Affordable and Workforce Housing Consumer Affairs - Minutes as published.

Consumer Affairs - Mintues as published in the Record.

Education - School Board meets this week to finalize the school budget. Judy expects that funding will be approved for all-day Kindergarten.

THE COUNCIL Minutes

Environment and Recreation - Minutes as published in the Record.

Planning and Zoning - Board of Supervisors reviews the Crabtree application on June 4.

Health and Human Services - First 3 paragraphs of minutes are repeated; start with page 6. Reminder of joint meeting with Education committee on June 6, Walt Whitman Library, 7:30.

Transportation - Minutes as published in the Record. Stop signs are now in place at intersection of Lukens and Old Mill; Frank will encourage DOT to add flags to the signs for an introductory period.

Public Safety - Minutes as published in the Record.

Record - Nothing to report.

SFDC - Consulting firm will generate a questionnaire by e.mail to ascertain what types of businesses are still needed in the MV District and Route One corridor.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Bob Johansson was presented as co-chairs' appointee to chair Budget and Finance; approved 30-0-0.

By-Laws Committee appointees are Sy Berdux, Bob Coyle, and Dillon Lee.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to make Affordable and Workforce Housing a standing committee.

After considerable discussion including the suggestion to let the by-laws review committee determine whether this committee should be independent; mention that the committee already exists as a special committee; that its determinations affect not only P&Z but also HHS, Transportation, B&F; that its continuance as a special committee rather than a standing committee affects the quality of people who will volunteer to serve on it.

Motion to table the resolution passed 20-11-1.

P&Z - Amendment to Proffers - Resolution passed 31-0-1.

E&R - Resolution passed 30-0-1.

TR - Waiver procedure - Resolution passed 31-1-1.

Closing of Apple Orchard Road - Resolution passed 29-2-0.

SCAWH - North Hill Redevelopment

There is still no site plan; how can we be sure that our ideas are discussed?

A substitute resolution was submitted by Sheldon Hoenig as a friendly amendment. First resolve was amended to say "..no more than 66 manufactured homes."

Comments included:

BOS requests transfer of the land to the Park Service; cleaning it up may be cost-prohibitive.

Green Communities says that manufactured housing does not meet their standards.

Original plan called for additional housing on North Hill. Council is on record (2005?) as wanting the whole parcel to be green space; County staff does not agree.

Question was called by the chair due to time constraints. Vote was taken on the substitute (friendly amendment) resolution which passed 18-10-4. Exception taken by David Dale and Jim Davis who had indicated their desire to speak.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Park Service concerts in Fort Hunt Park will continue, thanks in large part to the fund raising by The Voice.

Big Box stores will be limited to 80,000 sqft.

The Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Strike force will not be implemented as it would require the hiring of too many more people.

Budget for transportation is down.

In answer to a question, Supervisor Hyland reported that probably the proposal to locate a remote site for Council public hearings at the South County building will not be approved because it would set a precedent and other areas of the county would demand the same.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Budget and Finance met in a special meeting Tuesday, June 5th at 8PM at Walt

Whitman Middle School to consider the resolution on the Tax Abatement

Program. Attending were representatives of Williamsburg Manor North, Hollin

Hall, Hollin Hills, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Stratford Landing. The

resolution passed 4-1-0.

Budget and Finance will not meet in July or August.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There was no meeting this month.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met in joint session with the MVCCA Health & Human Services Committee, at 7:30 pm on June 6, 2007, in the Knowles Lecture Hall at Whitman Middle School. Joint minutes are published elsewhere in this RECORD.

The Education Committee will have no formal meetings in July or August 2007. Issues such as boundary studies for the South County pyramid and related middle school construction and FY2007-9 budget questions will be considered, if necessary, at special meetings. Authorized Committee representatives and interested parties currently on the Committee's contact list will be notified by e-mail should any such meetings be necessary.

Committee members are urged to contact the Chair with topics or issues of interest for exploration in the Fall—and to enjoy the summer.

Next formal meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 8 pm, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen Associations was held on June 6, 2007 at the South County Government Center.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Community representatives in attendance included: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Spring Bank, Williamsburg Manor, Mount Vernon Mobile Homes Residents Civic Association, Collingwood Springs, and Mount Vernon on the Potomac.
- 2. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the Record without comment.
- 4. Presentation by the Fairfax County Park Authority

Sandy Stallman, Dave Bowden (Planning and Development Director for the Park Authority), and Ricardo Cabellos provided a presentation on parks in Fairfax County with an emphasis on the Mount Vernon District. The presentation was intended as an orientation that would be followed by further discussions on parks, which would be scheduled at a later time. Examples of questions that the E&R discussed that could be part of a following meeting included planning for park and recreation opportunities along Richmond Highway.

Site Reviews

Huntington Mews

Inda Stagg and others representing KB Homes provided an update on the Huntington Mews Project, which will be going to the Planning Commission later this month. The committee adopted a resolution that concluded that it does not oppose the project. The committee appreciated all of the work that had gone into this project on the park of Inda Stagg and others representing KB Homes. The Committee recognized that the KB Homes had worked with the neighborhood and addressed concerns of the Huntington Community. The Resolution passed 9-0-0.

1111 I Street

Representatives for this property reviewed the plans for this site. The last time that the committee reviewed plans for this site the plan was to redevelop this formerly flooded property to a single family home. The revised plans would construct a duplex and address a number of concerns with the previous project. The committee concluded that they did not oppose this project.

Old Business

The committee reviewed the activity on North Hill, including the resolution that was passed by the MVCCA at the May meeting. The E&R expects that they will review site plans for the North Hill project once they are prepared.

Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 10:04 pm

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Education and H/HS Committees met jointly on Wednesday, June 6, 7:30-9:45 p.m., at Walt Whitman Middle School (Jack Knowles Lecture Room) with 16 MVCCA member associations represented (12 HHS and 8 ED): Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Newington Forest, Mount Vernon CA, Mount Vernon MHP, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Zephyr, Riverside, Stratford on Potomac Sec. 4 (2), Sulgrave Manor (2), Wessynton, Wellington (2), and Williamsburg Manor. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier was present as liaison to the Council.

This joint meeting focused on "Children and Mental Health: What are our community's resources?" National and state attention to and funding for healthcare, including mental health, for children has been selective at best and has shifted a large burden to localities. Fairfax County has developed important services and programs in response to recognized needs among children and families, but funds for these, in the schools and the community, are strained by growing needs. Well before the tragedy at Virginia Tech, a State commission and the County's Beeman Commission were at work, gathering information and preparing to make recommendations.

Both committees recognize the important roles, in the well-being of children and families, of high quality professional services and programs provided through two countywide systems: the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB). This meeting provided a

fascinating forum on the roles of each and their interrelationship, as nine dedicated professionals—service directors and providers—responded to our invitation that requested an overview and a "Q & A" panel on specific issues and scenarios that cross "borders" in real life.

CSB and "Comprehensive Services"

The county CSB, which includes Fairfax City and Falls Church and is the largest in the state, is required under state Code and established by the local jurisdictions (who provide 70% of funding for a \$150 million budget), with responsibility (under the Virginia Comprehensive Services Act) to enable people in the county to access services not available in the private sector. These include 70+ services—for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse—provided directly or in contractual programs (with roughly 1000 staff and 50 private sector partners). In providing an overview of services for children, Alan Berenson, LCSW, Director of Youth and Family Mental Health Services described a broad array of services for children and youth prior to, during, and also outside public school enrollment. (Examples include pre-admission screenings for psychiatric hospitalizations, evaluations of children in cases of abuse or neglect, and a hybrid youth/adult "family psychiatric program" with juvenile court.) **Bharati Patel**, LPC, CSB Prevention Supervisor (Region II & III) described growing emphasis on tested, evidence-based programs such as SOS ("Signs of Suicide" prevention programs for middle and high school students), ACT (for parent and staff education and involvement), Safe Choices, and model wellness programs like Girl Power. Leadership and Resiliency started in a handful of schools, won numerous awards, and is now budgeted to be introduced in half the county high schools in FY2008. Supporting Your Emerging Adult helps parents prepare children for the emotions and choices of teen years.

FCPS and "Special Services"

The FCPS Department of Special Services interacts with all the students of the public schools, plus those who receive educational services in other settings such as home instruction, a hospital, a specialized center, or other alternative school. Three areas within the Special Services Department provide an in-school presence for assisting staff, students and parents in evaluation, screening, response and locating treatment options in a wide range of individual circumstances impacting student mental health. Elsie Kirton, Director of School Counseling and Student Registration Services explained the varied roles of counselors, from early testing and development of study skills, to middle school lessons on how to handle bullying, to academic and career center counseling in high school. Fairfax County is maintaining counselor/student ratios at a higher level than state-required minimums so that every school has at least one counselor in full time assignment. However, pressure to absorb more students (and greater diversity of cultural norms) with fewer staff is a constant especially with the impact of No Child Left Behind and attendant record-keeping and test evaluation. Volunteer adult mentors (4,000+, "but more are always needed") are essential. DeDe Bailer, Director, Psychology and Preventive Services, emphasized the high level of training and professional credentials required for the 130 psychologists on

staff. Again, FCPS exceeds state minimums, and every school has a psychologist on staff, though not necessarily fulltime, depending on population. Staff psychologists work with teachers, staff, students and parents to address a wide variety of factors that inhibit learning and affect the school community, including promoting proactive behavioral programs and recognizing and screening for depression, suicidal ideation, and other emotional disorders. They also perform a wide variety of other services, including audiological and other testing, pre-school diagnostic programs to evaluate children for special education eligibility, assisting with special ed services involving "emotional disability" and mental health issues and providing referrals to specialized treatment programs and services to the juvenile justice system. Richard Gergely, Director, Social Work and Support Services, noted that school social services emerged in the 1970s with recognition of needs of "handicapped" students. Today, roving social workers link schools and families with the services needed to maximize student educational progress. Services are available at specialized schools (as at Quander Road) and "step down" programs within a school for general education. They are available for attendance office concerns, special education, referrals for learning and emotional disabilities, and for students who are homeless, homebound, in hospital, or even on suspension. Often, the Social Worker links students and families with CSB services or with other public and private resources to meet the particular needs.

In the last hour of the meeting, four additional service providers joined the five overview presenters in responding to a lively Q and A discussion from varied perspectives: Lee Britton, FCPS Social Worker for Special Education (Mount Vernon High School); Pamela Rubin, FCPS Coordinator of Social Work Services (Mount Vernon pyramid); Linda Pate, M.A., CSB Prevention Specialist; and Dr. Lawrence Sutton, FCPS School Psychologist. The committee representatives brought many questions to the discussion and paid close attention to the responses. Among the issues: legal requirements for confidentiality versus school board requirements that certain behaviors be reported and thus become subject to "zero tolerance" and board expulsion hearings; the requirement of the Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA) that disabled students (including those with mental or emotional disorders) be educated in the "least restrictive environment," which has resulted in increased mainstreaming of students and fewer specialized placements but with attendant concerns about adequacy of services in local schools, teacher training, and impact on other students; the need for more full-day treatment for children with serious issues to be offered in a center closer to South County (rather than bussing all clients to one center in Reston); the shift toward a proactive and preventive approach, for example, for teen depression and suicidal ideation as well as for a wide variety of undesirable or risky student behaviors; complexities of rules that govern record-keeping (what records are permitted, and whether these are able to be shared when students change schools; much-publicized loopholes in managing the present system of court orders for treatment; and more).

Most mental illnesses, including major depressive disorder, are based in brain chemistry and treated successfully in combination

with medication, yet it is estimated nationally that only about 21% of children in need do receive treatment. Improved public awareness and training concerning symptoms and where to get help are much needed, here as well as nationally, among school staff, parents, and other adults in contact with children. FCPS is now partnering with the CSB in seeking a grant for "Strengthening Connections," a new project to develop "a sustainable collaborative plan"—along with a resource directory and linkage protocol—between schools and mental health agencies to improve identification and referral of students and provide needed services in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

Representatives at the meeting received information on specific programs and services, to share with their neighborhoods. Two publications are of particular interest: A 6-page booklet "Everyone's Child...then and now" presents key findings—on "risky behaviors" and issues such as bullying/aggression and mental health/depression—from the 2005 Fairfax County youth survey, conducted on a statistically valid sample of 13,235 students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. (To download the PDF in choice of languages, go to www.fcps.edu/ss/SDFY/EveryonesChild.htm.) A 40-page booklet "Emergent Adulthood Resource Guide" presents basic factual information and lists resources (print, web, phone) for young people making the transition from high school to the next stage of their lives—whether work, college, or military service. The Fairfax Partnership for Youth's YSAD task force produced it for their May 2007 conference on mental wellness and suicide prevention among this age group.

HHS and ED Meetings—open to the public Tuesday, July 10, MVCCA Committees for Health & Human Services and Public Safety (joint meeting), 7:30 pm, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Engh Conf. Room (2nd floor), focus: Community "all hazards" preparedness: County and neighborhood planning. Chairs Shawkey (PS) 703 360-2185 and Cleveland (HHS) 703 780-9151.

July MVCCA Education Committee meeting, TBD: representatives will be contacted via e-mail.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The June 11, 2007 meeting of the MVCCA Planning & Zoning Committee convened at 7:35 PM at the Jack Knowles meeting room at Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was attended by representatives of Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello CUOA, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Sherwood Estates, Skyview Park, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton HA, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, and William H. Randall CA.

The minutes from the May, 2007 meeting of the P&Z Committee, as published in the MVCCA Record, were approved unanimously by a show of hands. Sheldon Hoenig of Wessynton HA pointed out that the Committee had not voted on the agenda and then promptly made a motion to strike, from the agenda, consideration of a Resolution concerning proposed extension of the

tax abatement program. The motion failed for want of a second.

The first case up for consideration was the Huntington Mews development by KB Homes. Inda E. Stagg presented on behalf of KB Homes. The current proposal was contrasted with an earlier proposal that had been the subject of approved MVCCA Resolutions. The current proposal is for 94 townhomes as compared to the prior proposal for construction of 85 townhomes. The change resulted from acquisition by KB Homes of additional land, thereby increasing the number of townhomes by 13, and increase in the elevation of the floodplain line which resulted in a decrease in the number of townhomes of 4, for a net increase of 9. The Committee debated a Resolution prepared by the Chairman, a number of friendly amendments were made, and the Resolution passed by a vote of 18-0-0.

The next case up for consideration was the proposal at 1111 I Street, SE. Paul Wilder made the presentation for the property owner and the current proposal was compared and contrasted with the proposal that had been presented before the Committee in May, 2007. The proposed amount of fill was reduced from 555 cubic yards to 190 cubic yards, and the garages previously proposed had been replaced with parking pads. The total increase in impervious area over the current impervious area has been reduced to 630 square feet. In May, the Committee expressed a desire for the developer to use pervious paving materials where possible. A Resolution drafted by the Chairman was debated by the Committee and approved by a vote of 17-0-1.

The next case up for consideration was the Andrus Road proposal, a Proffer Condition Amendment seeking to amend to eliminate the obligation to utilize the subject property solely for a church. The proposal is to construct 5 single family dwellings on the property in keeping with the zoning of adjacent properties. The Committee expressed a number of concerns regarding this proposal. First, a Committee member noticed that in the first paragraph of the proposed Proffers, the representation was made that the requested amendment would be for the purpose of developing "attached" dwellings. The developer indicated that this was a typographical error and should have said "detached." The Committee also expressed its concern about the agreement struck between Gum Springs CA and the developer, with particular reference to the indication of payment of \$7,500.00 to the Association. Former Planning Commissioner Byers advised that such a payment would not be approved by the County because it is not tied to some aspect of the development. Queenie Cox indicated, on behalf of Gum Springs CA, that it would be possible to tie the money to improvements in one or both of the Martin Luther King Park and the Gum Springs Community Center, both of which would serve the homes to be developed on the property. The Committee also expressed its concern regarding whether the subject property was required to be maintained with other adjacent church property to satisfy open space requirements that were conditions precedent to establishment of the church that is constructed on the adjacent property. In other words, the concern was expressed that selling off the subject property for development might render the adjacent church property in non-compliance with the terms and conditions

that permitted the church to be developed in the first place. The developer and representatives of the church agreed to look into this matter and report back to the Committee. Based upon the issues described above that could not be resolved, the Committee voted to table this matter until we hear again from the developer, by a vote of 17-1-0.

The next case that came before the Committee concerns the Marketplace Carwash at Lorton Station. Keith C. Martin presented on behalf of the developer. It was explained to the Committee that this proposal has County Staff approval and that the South County Federation Land Use Committee has recommended that it be approved at the SCF Membership Meeting to be held on June 12, 2007. A Resolution prepared by the Chairman was debated and during the debate, the last WHEREAS clause in the proposed Resolution was struck by friendly amendment. With that amendment, the Resolution was approved by the Committee by a vote of 16-0-0.

The last matter on the agenda was the proposed extension of the tax abatement program. The Committee indicated it wished to debate the matter. The Chairman explained that although tax abatement issues are typically within the sole jurisdiction of the Budget and Finance Committee, in this case, the P&Z Committee has a role to play because the proposed extension is coupled with a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to extend the reach of tax abatement to PRM Districts. At the request of the Chairman, Sheldon Hoenig of Wessynton HA explained to the Committee the characteristics of a PRM District. The Chairman explained to the Committee that the tax abatement program has been extremely beneficial to the Mount Vernon District, having helped facilitate development of 10 properties in the District since 2002, including, for example, the new Del Ray Glass facility. The Chairman also pointed out that JPI has indicated the tax abatement program strongly figures into their calculations of the feasibility of the Kings Crossing project.

The Chairman also explained that this would be the only opportunity for the Planning & Zoning Committee to weigh in concerning this matter since the Board of Supervisors vote will occur on July 23, 2007. Since the tax abatement program expires on September 1, 2007, and the BOS does not meet in August, there is no chance the BOS vote will be postponed. The Chairman had prepared a proposed Resolution for consideration by the Committee but, at that point, former Planning Commissioner Byers (representing Williamsburg Manor North) made a motion that the Committee recommend to the BOS acceptance of the proposal as set forth in the Memo dated April 20, 2007, from Anthony Griffin, the County Executive. That Memo was included in the materials distributed to the Committee. After discussion, the Resolution was approved by a vote of 11-3-3.

None of the attendees had any new business to discuss, and a motion to adjourn was approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There was no meeting this month.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on June 4, 2007, in the multi-media center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner, Mr. Mack Rhoades, Transportation Commissioner, Mount Vernon District; and representatives of 16 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Hybla Valley Farms, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Southwood, Spring Bank, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wessynton, Woodland Park) and the chair.

Mr. Leonard "Bud" Sigel, Manager, Arlington/Fairfax Preliminary Engineering, VDOT explained the different responsibilities and interactions between VDOT and FCDOT. VDOT is responsible for the primary road net which traverses the County. While VDOT is also charged with monitoring design concepts for the secondary road system, the selection of projects, the allocation of available funding and of priorities rests with FCDOT. Sidewalk projects are a part of the 6 year secondary road construction plan and are managed by FCDOT (secondary roads are numbered 600 and up; 599 and below numbers are reserved for primary roads). VDOT works at the discretion of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) with projects approved by the Board. Any exceptions from standards must be approved by VDOT; however site plan reviews are the responsibility of the County. Various questions were posed concerning specific projects. Fairfax County must allocate its funds on FCDOT projects and the County is responsible to correct deficiencies involving handicapped access. Condemnation action is a slow process when handled by the BOS, while VDOT can proceed under "quick take" provisions. In support of the Fort Belvoir BRAC, VDOT has appointed a BRAC Coordinator; projects are underway to upgrade Rolling Road and Telegraph Road among others. On major projects which impact the public, VDOT is compelled to go through a defined public information process. For questions involving pedestrian safety, the first contact should be Chris Wells at FCDOT. The Committee thanked Bud Siegel for his enlightening presentation.

The Committee considered the draft resolution on "Richmond Highway Corridor Funding Requirements", made a number of changes and approved the revised draft with a vote of 16 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The Committee next adopted the resolution "Reagan National Airport Air Traffic Stability" presented by John Kohout of Waynewood by a vote of 14 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions. Both resolutions are printed elsewhere in the Record

The Committee was apprised by the Chair of his contact with Mr. Nicholson of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project concerning the need to move the pedestrian cross walk at the Route #1/

Huntington Avenue intersection. In an interim reply, Mr. Nicholson indicated that the matter was under consideration.

The problem of resident access on Schooley Drive was debated. The current "by right" construction project on Route #1 by Walgreen will remove the existing service road between Memorial and Schooley and replace it with a parking lot, which however will permit cut-thru traffic. Additionally a "U" turn is permissible for southbound Route #1 traffic at Memorial intending to access Schooley (no left turn from southbound Route #1 traffic is feasible at Schooley in view of the existing highway division). However, residents are not comfortable with cutting through a parking lot or making a "U" turn on Route #1; they wish to retain the service road which provided a safer access to Schooley. The Committee recommended that the Chair arrange a meeting between residents, Walgreen and the Supervisor to see if an amicable solution can be found.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM, Monday, July 2, 2007. Meeting place and agenda to be announced.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Attendance: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon CA, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents CA, Riverside Estates CA Inc., Sherwood Forest Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing CA, Stratford on the Potomac - SEC IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA, Woodley Estates.

J. J. Shifflett, chair of the Special Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on May 24, 2007, at the Mount Vernon Government Center. The first item of discussion was the modified resolution on North Hill that was voted on and passed by the MVCCA. At the MVCCA meeting, a simplified resolution was introduced in place of the version prepared by this committee. The modified resolution was accepted by the SCWAH chair as it contained the main elements considered essential by members of the committee. After further discussion, the members of the committee expressed satisfaction with the Council's action on the resolution and R. Trimble expressed a vote of confidence in the chair. J. J. Shifflett informed the committee that she is arranging a meeting with Rex Peters, Assoc. Dir. Real Estate, RHA, for discussions including the planned development on North Hill. J. J. Shifflett responded that she received a time-line for the development of North Hill from Supv. Hyland's office which she will make available to the committee. Woodley Hills representatives remarked that surveying on the property had been initiated.

With regard to the One Penny Report, J. Jeszenszky asked whether responses to the report that had been requested for mid May have been received. J. J. Shifflett will inquire about the responses.

Among new ideas for committee action was a proposal for the committee to review the County policy on Single Resident Occupancy. A discussion followed about the availability of this type of safe, affordable housing for single low-income adults. J. McCormick made a motion to: Form a work group to determine if there are County legal barriers to Single Resident Occupancy housing and if there are how to take them down. B. Trimble seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. B. Trimble agreed to lead the work group and to attend a meeting on this subject at the Unitarian Church and report to the committee at the June meeting.

Another proposal made by J. McLellan was to review the legislative issues involved in the development of affordable housing. L. Cleveland suggested that the committee also look at the numbers of affordable housing ADUs. J.J. Shifflett promised further discussion on this proposal at the June meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2007, 7:00 pm., at Mt. Vernon Government Center.

Budget Resolution: TAX ABATEMENT

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Real Estate Tax Abatement Program (Tax Abatement Program) is described in Article 24, Chapter 4 of the Fairfax County Code, which provides for the partial abatement of real estate taxes for certain commercial structures older than 25 years located with the five Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD's) or for certain eligible multifamily structures older than 20 years;

WHEREAS as authorized by state law, under the Tax Abatement Program the Board of Supervisors (BOS) provides a partial tax exemption incentive for renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of certain multifamily, commercial or industrial structures;

WHEREAS the added value of the improved property must be at least 25% and it is this added value that is exempt from real estate taxes at 100% over 12 years for CRD commercial structures and at 100% over 10 years for multifamily structures;

WHEREAS the Tax Abatement Program is a tool the BOS has used to promote 179 projects since its adoption in 1997;

WHEREAS 10 of the last 14 projects approved for the Tax Abatement Program since 2002 have been located in or adjacent to the Mount Vernon District and have contributed substantially to the revitalization of the Richmond Highway/Route 1 corridor;

WHEREAS the Tax Abatement Program is scheduled to expire as of September 1, 2007;

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Executive, Anthony Griffin, has sent the BOS a Memorandum (Memo) dated April 20, 2007 (attached), which explains the history of the Tax Abatement Program, provides reasons for justifying its extension through September 1, 2010, and provides reasons for extending the reach of the Tax Abatement Program to Planning Residential Mixed Use (PRM) Districts through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) including those in the Mount Vernon District;

WHEREAS the Planning and Zoning Committee of the MVCCA has determined that the extension of the Tax Abatement Program to abatement of taxes for new construction in a PRM District through a ZOA as set forth in the Memo is an appropriate exercise of the county's zoning authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) urges the Board of Supervisors to extend the Tax Abatement Program before September 1, 2007 and to adopt the ZOA that extends the reach of the Tax Abatement Program to new construction in a PRM District.

ENVR Resolution: HUNTINGTON MEWS

Huntington Mews—Request for Rezoning and Special Exception Amendment RZ 2006 MV-031

WHEREAS, KB Homes is requesting rezoning and a Special Exception Amendment for the Huntington Mews Project to build 94 town homes on consolidated parcels of 14.04 acres on Huntington Avenue with a net density of 6.69 units per acre;

WHEREAS, approximately 60% will be open space, which includes a bark chip trail with connections to adjacent trails;

WHEREAS, the developer will be removing some impervious pavement as par of vacating part of Foley street;

WHEREAS, the developer will be providing 37% tree cover, and WHEREAS, the stormwater management requirements will be exceeded;

WHEREAS, signage shall be provided to give notice of parking areas that will be most susceptible to flooding;

Whereas the developer has met with the Huntington Community and has substantially addressed their concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this rezoning application and Special Exception Amendment.

P&Z Resolution: 1111 I Street

WHEREAS, the home at 1111 I Street in New Alexandria was condemned as a result of flooding from Hurricane Isabel; and

WHEREAS, the owners wish to build a duplex to replace the condemned house; and

WHEREAS, each unit of the duplex will have its own driveway and parking pad permitting parking for three vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the subject property is contained within the floodplain and the owners propose introducing 190 cubic yards of fill to elevate the first habitable floor of the building to at least 18 inches above the floodplain line, to preclude future flooding: and

WHEREAS, the proposed fill is less than the 277.7 cubic yards of fill in the floodplain permitted as a matter of right; and

WHEREAS, the total impervious area created by the proposed development (not including the driveways and parking areas) is approximately 2,900 square feet, far less than the 5,000 square feet of impervious area permitted in a Resource Protection Area and only 630 square feet more than the pre-development impervious area; and

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WHEREAS, the driveways and parking areas are proposed as constructed of impervious materials; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's (MVCCA) concerns about development in RPAs and stormwater management issues, the MVCCA would prefer that the driveways and parking areas be constructed of pervious materials; and

WHEREAS, the front and rear setbacks of the proposed dwelling, 5 feet and 7 feet, respectively, will be the same as the home that is being replaced; and

WHEREAS, neither the adjacent neighbors nor the County staff oppose the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the only waiver requested is for building in an RPA (floodplain); and

WHEREAS, stormwater run-off will be treated with detention and bio-filters; and

WHEREAS, the MVCCA approved a Resolution in February, 2006, concerning the same property, but where the proposed development was for a six-unit condominium building.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the special exception request for this proposed development, as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA urges the developer to construct the driveways and parking areas out of pervious materials to reduce stormwater runoff from the property.

P&Z Resolution: HUNTINGTON MEWS

WHEREAS, KB Homes is requesting rezoning and a Special Exception Amendment for the Huntington Mews Project to build 94 townhomes on consolidated parcels of 14.04 acres on Huntington Avenue with a net density of 6.69 units per acre; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) previously approved Resolutions from the Environment & Recreation (E&R) Committee and the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Committee declining to oppose the rezoning of the Huntington Mews property (the property) located on Huntington Avenue adjacent the neighborhood represented by the Huntington Community Association, when the property was owned by Madison Homes; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the property was conveyed to KB Homes which then acquired additional property (the additional property) identified as Parcels 93 and 94, bringing the total size of the property (now defined as including the additional property of Parcels 93 and 94) to 14.04 acres; and

WHEREAS, as a result of acquisition of Parcels 93 and 94, KB Homes was able to add 13 homes to the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, as a result of flooding that occurred in 2006 on Cameron Run, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the County have elevated the floodplain line, thereby requiring the number of townhomes to be reduced by 4; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the changes in townhome numbers identified above, the proposed development will include 9 more townhomes than was the case in the Resolutions earlier enacted by the MVCCA, for a new total of 94 townhomes; and

WHEREAS, the developer is requesting a stormwater waiver permitting a slight net increase in peak flow of water into Cameron Run so that this water can leave the property and travel into the Potomac River before larger flows of stormwater arrive at the area from upstream; and

WHEREAS, the prior approved MVCCA Resolutions considered this stormwater waiver issue and took it into account when the earlier Resolutions were enacted by the MVCCA; and

WHEREAS, the E&R Committee has received credible testimony that the peak flow stormwater numbers for 94 townhomes as compared to the earlier proposal with 84 townhomes will not be appreciably higher; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60% of the property will be open space including a stone dust or wood chip trail with connections to adjacent trails; and

WHEREAS, the developer will be removing some impervious pavement as part of the act of vacating part of Foley Street; and

WHEREAS, the finished project will provide 37% tree cover; and

WHEREAS, signage shall be provided to give notice concerning parking areas that will be most susceptible to flooding; and

WHEREAS, Huntington CA has stated that they do not oppose approval of the proposed rezoning; and

WHEREAS, KB Homes has presented newly amended proffers dated June 1, 2007, that are acceptable to the P&Z Committee; and

WHEREAS, KB Homes has agreed to further amend the proffers to contribute \$1,000.00 per townhome (\$94,000.00) to the Park Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA does not oppose the rezoning of the property as set forth in the current application filed with the County, subject to acceptance by the County of the proffers proposed by the developer and dated June 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA does not oppose, in connection with development of the property, the requested partial waiver of County stormwater requirements as set forth in the application.

P&Z Resolution: MARKETPLACE CAR WASH AT LORTON STATION

WHEREAS, Marketplace Car Wash, LLC (the owner) proposes to develop a full service carwash on the property located in the Southwest quadrant of the intersection of Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street (the property), the property being zoned to the C-6 District pursuant to a rezoning, RZ 1999-MV-025 that was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 24, 2000, subject to proffers dated April 18, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, the owner now proposes a Special Exception and Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA), PCA 1999-MV-025, to facilitate development and operation of the said carwash; and

WHEREAS, the South County Federation (SCF) Land Use Committee considered the proposed development on May 29, 2007, including consideration of amended proffers dated April 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the SCF Land Use Committee also considered the owner's Statement of Justification for a Special Exception and PCA concerning the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2007 meeting, the SCF Land Use Committee approved a Resolution, attached, recommending to the SCF that it support the PCA as well as the Special Exception Request.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA does not oppose approval of the PCA subject to acceptance by County Staff of the amended proffers dated April 17, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA does not oppose the Special Exception Request.

Trans Resolution: RICHMOND HIGHWAY CORRIDOR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Whereas, the Fairfax County Five Year Plan for transportation projects has been published and indicates modest allocations for the Mount Vernon District; and

Whereas, it has been generally agreed that the US Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) reorganization at Fort Belvoir will impact significantly in terms of increased traffic in the Richmond Highway corridor; and

Whereas, the current allocations within the Fairfax County Five Year Plan does not appear to consider requirements imposed by BRAC; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has funded a Mass Transit Study targeting the Richmond Highway corridor, but so far no action has been taken to initiate this study.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that due to the urgent need to accommodate projected mass transit requirements in support of BRAC, the Board of Supervisors request the Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation to expedite the authorized Richmond Highway Mass Transit Study and request that adequate funding be allocated to implement its findings; and

Be It Further Resolved: that the Board of Supervisors request that the Fairfax County Five Year Plan be revised to allocate funding to widen Richmond Highway to six lanes at all locations from the Occoquan to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, with construction to start at the earliest possible time, including the recommended provisions for mass transit.

Trans Resolution: REAGAN NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC STABILITY

WHEREAS: The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) is charged by law to operate Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport under restrictions intended to resolve issues over the roles of these two airports, community concerns over noise and particularly whether Reagan National should grow in activity, and

WHEREAS: these limitations on number of flights, the length of non-stop flights, night time noise levels, and flight paths have brought about community acceptance that created a stable environment for continuing Reagan National operations and enabled MWAA to proceed with modernization of airport facilities, and

WHEREAS: the MWAA has taken issue with findings of the General Accountability Office's February 2007 report entitled "Reagan National Airport—Update on Capacity to Handle Additional Flights and Impact on Other Area Airports" that Reagan National was capable of handling 67 flight operations per hour, as opposed to the 60 which had been the rule in 1995 and 63 under legislation passed in 2000 and 2003, because the GAO did not recognize that Reagan National is now essentially a one-runway airfield since most commercial traffic is jet-powered and must almost always use the "Main Runway 1-19" and failed to realize that analysis based on "balanced" Instrument Flight Rules and Visual Flight rules calculations versus Instrument Flight Rules appropriate to the High Density Rule, under which the Reagan National slot system operates, risks unacceptable delays during periods of reduced ceiling and visibility, and

WHEREAS: neither the GAO study nor MWAA reply explicitly recognized the potential safety issues associated with adding more flights to more distant locations, necessarily by larger and more heavily loaded aircraft, maneuvering within the restricted ramp space available at Reagan National and landing and taking off from one of the shortest (6,869 feet) runways used for intense jet operations in the United States, and

WHEREAS: Passenger handling and parking facilities at Reagan National are approaching saturation during growing parts of each week, and

WHEREAS: Senators Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) have amended the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill to allow up to twenty additional takeoffs and landings per day at Reagan National and specifying that 12 of these flights go to the western United States, and

WHEREAS: These additional flights could add some 300,000 more passengers per year to the record 18.5 million passengers handled by Reagan National in 2006, up from 15.8 million when flights were last added.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests the Northern Virginia Congressional delegation to oppose the Smith-Cantwell initiative and maintain current limits on Reagan National Airport flight operations.	
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MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

For Period from January 1, 2007 through June 14, 2007

Balance Beginning Period RECEIPTS	Budget 2007	Actual to Date \$1,556.44	Budget/ Actual
Dues	Φ4.500.00	Φ4 220 00	Ø100 00
	\$4,500.00	\$4,320.00	-\$180.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	225.00	0.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$10,621.50	\$7,796.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,370.00	\$15,166.50	\$7,796.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$1,574.73	\$4,425.27
Administrative	\$225.00	\$124.94	\$100.06
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$5,879.50	\$-4,129.50
Web Site	\$690.00	\$270.00	\$420.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$8,049.17	\$915.83
Balance Ending June 14th		\$8,673.77	

COMMITTTEE CALENDAR FOR JULY 2007

MVCCA Board-SUPV	Thursday July 12, 2007 7:30 PM

Date	Day	Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
NM	_	_	SCAWH	No Meeting	JoJo Shifflett	703-704-9222
NM	_	_	COAF	No Meeting	Queenie Cox	703-360-2414
7/-	W	7:30	H/HS	WWMSL	Louise Cleveland	703-780-9151
NM	_	_	EDUC	No Meeting	Judy Harbeck	703-780-1883
7/11	W	7:00	E&R	SCGC-219	Larry Zaragoza	703-447-1288
7/5	Th	7:30	PSAF	MVGC-CR3	Dallas Shawkey	703-360-2185
7/2	M	8:00	TRANS	WWMSL	Frank Cohn	703-780-5698
7/9	M	7:30	PL/Z	WWMS-LH	Vacant	703-619-0101
NM	_	_	BUDG	No Meeting	Rob Johansson	703-768-6731

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