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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday July 25, 2007, 8:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Approval of Secretary's Minutes

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Co-Chairmen's Report on Board Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives' Time

MV Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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MINUTES

Will be available at the September meeting and online.

Announcements

The MVCCA is hosting a **reception for committee members** prior to the Council meeting Sept 26 in the cafeteria of Walt Whitman from 6:30 to 8:00. Please remind your committee members to attend this reception in their honor.

The Nominating Committee for MVCCA Officers for 2008 will be constituted at the September Council Meeting. Under the By-Laws, the Co-Chairs will announce appointment of two members; three additional members will be elected by the Council. No current officers may serve on the Nominating Committee.

Appointments: The Co-Chairs have made the following appointments: David Voorhees as chair of Budget and Finance; Debbie Sell-Pugh as chair of Planning and Zoning; Jim Walton and Tom Hook as MVCCA representatives (reappointed) to the SFDC. These appointments will be brought before the Council for ratification on September 26. Additionally, the Co-Chairs have appointed John Jeszszsky and John McCormick as chairs of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing.

MVVCA is in need of an **Editor for the Record**. The Editor is a voting board member and is responsible for putting out the Record each month. If you are interesting, please contact one of the Co-Chairs.

The Third Annual **MVCCA Golf Tournament** will be held on Monday, October 22, Mt. Vernon County Club. Information and an entry form are enclosed and available on the MVCCA Website. It was a great success last year; let's make it even more so this year.

MVCCA MEMBERSHIP IN 2007

In 2007, the following sixty-two (62) Associations are members of MVCCA:

Belle Haven; Belle Haven Terrace; Belle View Condominium; Berkshire Homeowners; Calvert Park; Collingwood Springs; Collingwood-on-the-Potomac; Crosspointe; Engleside; Fairfax Residents; Forest View; Hollin Glen; Hollin Hall Village; Hollin Hills; Hollindale; Hunting Creek Club; Huntington; Hybla Valley Farms; Marlan Forest; Mason Hill; Memorial Heights; Milway Meadows; Montebello; Mount Vernon Civic; Mount Vernon Farms; Mount Vernon Manor; Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents; Mount Vernon on the Potomac; Mount Vernon Square; Mount Woodley Manor; Mount Zephyr; New Alexandria; New Gum Springs; Newington; Newington Forest; Old Belhaven Towne; Popkins Farm; Potomac Valley – Riverbend; River Towers Condo; Riverside Estates; Riverside Gardens; Riverwood; Sherwood Estates; Skyview Park; Southwood; Spring Bank; Stratford Landing; Stratford on the Potomac; Stratford on the Potomac - Sec IV; Sulgrave Manor; Surrey-at-the-Potomac; Tauxemont; United Voice at Kings Crossing; Waynewood; Wellington; Wellington Heights; Wessynton Homes; Westgrove; Williamsburg Manor; Williamsburg Manor North; Wm. H. Randall; Woodlawn Manor.

Thank you for your participation.



3rd Annual MVCCA Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations
To benefit the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Trail Funds



Monday October 22, 2007

Held at the Mount Vernon Country Club

4-person Captain's Choice Scramble

11:30 Registration

1:00 Shotgun Start

12:00 Box Lunch

6:00 Reception and Awards

Honorary Chairman:

Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland

Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact: Ron Fitzsimmons at (703) 360-3822

Bryan Armstrong, PGA (703) 780-3565

For Additional Tournament and Sign-up Information Please

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*2006 was a great Tourney. Let's
make it bigger and more successful
in 2007 - Sign-up now!!!!*

Please sign up my foursome:

Name: _____ **Handicap or approx. score** _____ **Phone #** _____

Name: _____ **Handicap or approx. score** _____ **Phone #** _____

Name: _____ **Handicap or approx. score** _____ **Phone #** _____

Name: _____ **Handicap or approx. score** _____ **Phone #** _____

Individual: (please pair me)

Name: _____ **Handicap or approx. score** _____ **Phone #** _____

No, I can't play but I would like to contribute:

Patron: _____ **\$25** **Other** _____

Enclose Check \$75 per player made payable to Mt. Vernon Country Club & mail to:
Mount Vernon Country Club | Attn: Bryan Armstrong, PGA
51110 Old Mill Road | Alexandria, VA 22309

BUDGET AND FINANCE

There are no minutes this month. The next meeting is still to be determined.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, September 4th at Walt Whitman Middle School at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Twelve (1) member associations attended (Hollin Hills, Mt. Vernon Civic, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Vernon/Woodley Hills, New Gum Springs, Plymouth Haven, Potomac Valley/River Bend, Spring Bank Civic, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton and William Randall. One Lee District association, Mt. Vernon Lakes, also attended.

Guest Speaker: Mitsuko Herrera, Director, Communications Policy & Regulation Division, Fairfax County Dept. of Cable Communications & Consumer Protection. Supporting staff: Allan W. Hide, Communications Analyst.

Although Cox Communications and Verizon were invited, they did not attend. It was unclear why Cox Communications did not attend because they had accepted and confirmed their attendance. Verizon did not respond until approximately 6-hours before the start of the meeting. Because of the untimely response from Verizon, it decided to cancel attendance. Ms. Herrera will contact Verizon concerning its non-attendance.

Ms. Herrera provided an informative briefing about its services and relationship with the three cable companies, Comcast, Cox and Verizon, that provide services to Fairfax County residents. Based on the advance information provided by member associations, Ms. Herrera was able to contact the appropriate cable company. Immediate action was noted by affected residents. Attendees asked questions specific to their cable problems. Verizon is an all fiber system with 21 central offices or wire centers. Verizon has a 15-year franchise with a 7-year built out that ends during 2012. Mt. Vernon is in the extended area. For problems with contractors, Verizon has a built-in penalty clause. Since the County has an engineer on its staff to address technical issues/problems associated with the installation of cable, the County is able to respond to residents concerns. Ms. Herrera addressed the staffing level of Verizon for constructing cable in neighborhoods, explained the easement utility concerns of residents, cable cards, the removal of copper that prevents customers from returning to its previous cable provider and other questions/concerns presented by member attendees. The Cox cable cards is a device rented by customers to prevent theft of cable services. The cable cards currently support one way transmission, which limits the number of channels a customer may access. In order to access all channels, the cable cards need two way transmissions. Ms. Herrera also addressed the concerns of electric fences and underground irrigation systems damaged by Verizon. In addition, Ms. Herrera's presentation covered the stages of communications to residents by Verizon beginning with the colored coded door knockers. The main purpose for the door knockers is to identify the "noisy" neighborhoods. The best tip provided by Ms. Herrera for Mt. Vernon residents is to contact her office for assistance and problems. A meeting is being rescheduled for Verizon

and Cox for our November 6th meeting. Because of the strong interest in cable communications, Ms. Herrera and Mr. Hide remained after the meeting to address specific one-on-one questions from attendees.

The next Consumer Affairs meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. Guest speaker will be a representative from Dominion Power (Tim Sargeant) to discuss its current application with the State Corporation to include providing electric power to Fairfax County.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on September 5, 2007, in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Hollin Hall, Stratford on the Potomac, Wellington, Sulgrave Manor, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms and Spring Bank. Co-Chair David Dale also attended.

The featured speaker was Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board member and current School Board Chair.

Chair Storck's presentation focused on School Board initiatives to clearly state the beliefs, vision, mission and student achievement goals of the school system and to develop meaningful and specific ways to realize goals and set accountability standards. (See School Board Policy 1403.6).

In that regard, Storck noted that the School Board stating goals and mission is a meaningless exercise unless the Board and school staff can together develop and implement a clear plan, with specific accountability standards, which is workable and sustainable and has the backing and involvement of teachers, parents and students alike. He also emphasized that the School Board wanted to go beyond SOL achievement measures to add other goals for students and other accountability measures.

Thus, Student Achievement Goals (Goals) are tripartite: (1) Academics, requiring achieving full potential in core academic disciplines and other areas including technology and fine and practical arts, (2) Essential Life Skills, requiring students to demonstrate integrity, respect and responsibility, to develop resiliency, self confidence, and the ability to work in a group, and to acquire life skills including financial competency, self-sufficiency, good work habits and effective time management; (3) Responsibility to the Community, requiring students to understand and practice the rights, responsibilities and duties of citizenship in our democracy, participate in the community and understand the role of law and government.

To achieve these Goals, the Board and FCPS staff have developed a 4 year plan (2007-8 to 2010-11) to develop and implement specific indicators and programs, with respect to each of the three Goals, at the four groupings of grade levels (Elementary primary, Elementary upper, Middle School and High School). There is also a provision

for post-graduation followup including surveys and college success rates. Copies of the preliminary plan were distributed to the Committee.

Most of the Committee questions centered on the proposed development of a "learning plan" (LP) for each student which would reflect progress in each Goal area and follow the student throughout FCPS. The LP would include not only test scores but also teacher and student surveys, developmentally appropriate reflections by students on strengths, weaknesses and interests, and goal setting for succeeding years with implementation strategies and input from parents and staff. The LP would be formally reviewed by students, parents and staff at least at the "Passage" or transition years ie Grade 2 or 3, where the theme would be "Myself as a Learner", Grade 5 or 6 "Myself as a Problem Solver", Grade 7 or 8 "Exploring the Future" and Grade 12 "Focus on the Future". The LP thus goes beyond ordinary teacher conferences in looking, not just at current performance, but at both past and future as the child develops.

Although the parameters of the LP are fluid as the concept is developed, the Committee recognized that it could be very valuable in assisting students and parents, from the very start of the school years, to take ownership of educational and personal progress and to understand not only where students hope to go in life but what needs to be done to get there, including realistic assessments of student interests, strengths and weaknesses and eventually guidance on preparation for post-high school life, whether plans are college, technical training, job placement or military service. In particular, it would help students from an early age to see links among school, careers and life and among effort, aptitude and achievement in school and beyond. It might also better engage parents in a proactive way to assure students are taking the right steps to achieve goals that are realistic and attainable.

The main concern expressed was that the paperwork involved in formulating and collecting LP material might be the proverbial straw that breaks the back of already overburdened teachers and counselors. The potential burden will need to be evaluated along with the benefit but it should be noted that some schools already have a similar (albeit less extensive) process. Also, School Improvement Plans are also now being prepared within the framework of the Goals, which may facilitate the process for compiling LPs.

In other matters, the Committee noted that Mount Vernon High School made very substantial gains on each SAT segment, even as most other County high school experienced a drop in scores. The Committee asked the Chair to write a letter of congratulations and appreciation to MVHS. A Committee member also enthusiastically discussed newly implemented "Major Time"—a period set aside where each teacher meets with an alphabetically assigned small group of students and follows the group through all four years. It is, perhaps, an expansion of old "homeroom" where it is hoped each student can develop a relationship with the teacher and other students, discuss issues and problems, get information, and pursue help (such as attending a special math session in preparation for SOLs or SATs, taking a missed exam, etc) or special interests.

The Chair also noted her appointment by the Federation to the School Board Task Force on Transportation to look at a variety of bus

issues, including school start times and ways to reduce cost while maintaining an appropriate level of service.

The Committee briefly discussed the increase in the number of FCPS schools which did not make AYP noting that, while it was not unexpected given the testing issues with respect to the least-proficient English speakers and the ever rising required achievement score, AYP and minority achievement will be a main topic in the October meeting.

The October meeting may also include a brief presentation on the 2007 School Bond Referendum.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 8 pm,
Whitman MS library

Speaker: Dr. Brian Binggeli, Assistant Superintendent, Cluster 4

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The meeting was held in the Mount Hybla Room at the South County Government Center Building beginning at 7:00pm and was chaired by Chair Larry Zaragoza. Community representative in attendance included: Hollin Hall Village, Williamsburg Manor Civic Association, Newington Civic Association, Collingwood on the Potomac, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac, Newington Forest Community Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Collingwood Springs, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Farms, Mt. Zephyr, and Wessynton. Gloria Bannister, Environmental Chair from the South County Federation of Civic Associations and Joe Chudzik also attended representing themselves.

Carr Homes Development:

Lynn Strobel along with an engineer presented a proposal to rezone the Leatherland property (name of the trust that would sell to Carr Homes) from R-1 to PDH-2. The Leatherland property is about 7.5 acres of land that is mostly forest and borders Telegraph Road on one side. There is one home currently on the property. Hunter Estates is an R-1 community that borders one side of the property and on the opposite side, Carr Homes built the Winstead Manor community as PDH-2.

The PDH-2 project would build 12 homes on the 7.5 acres site, clearing most of the trees. A dry pond is to be built to Fairfax County standards on the Telegraph Road side. The required open space is to be 40%, tree cover 20% (over an acre), but Carr Homes is proposing 26% of tree cover. They would preserve sweet gum and holly trees and other native plant species.

Several Hunter Estate residents were present, whose land is adjacent the Leatherland property. Newington Community residents were present as well and the neighboring communities voiced their opposition to this project as they believe their property would be severely impacted due to the lack of buffer between the two developments and stormwater concerns.

According to the neighbors present, stormwater already floods homes in the area and most of the adjacent property owners are on septic. Thus, the flooding of their backyard is the flooding of a septic field.

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They were also concerned that a proposed stormwater ditch or swale to the dry pond, which ran parallel to the property of some present, could overflow into their yards as the Leatherland property is hilly.

In response to questions about providing a pipeline to provide for drainage as opposed to an open ditch, the engineer noted that a pipe drain could be used to move water to the dry pond. The engineer further cautioned the group about sheet flows of water in heavy rains but noted that it would only draw water at specific entry points to the drainage pipe. While the committee expressed concern for the capacity of either an open ditch or a pipe to remove stormwater, the committee was also told that both the open and ditch and buried drainpipe would require the elimination of trees over the ditch or pipe.

Community issues that were raised include soil problems as the land is clay (not the best for draining stormwater); 100% tree cover being lost to 26% tree cover with the redevelopment. While Carr Homes is not aware of current wet basements in the Winstead Manor Community, the neighbors present indicated that there are problems with wet basements and several property owners in Winstead Manor are against the project.

After discussion, the committee felt that a site walk-thru is appropriate before the committee could consider a resolution on the project. Lynn Strobel indicated that she would discuss with her client regarding a deferral of the September Planning Commission Meeting. If a deferral could be arranged then, a joint site walk-thru with members of the Environment and Recreation Committee and the Planning & Zoning Committee would be planned.

The Committee requested information on what an R-1 development would look like? Comparison between the pre and post stormwater flows if the land was developed R-1 and PDH-2. Also, the committee asked both Lynn Strobel and community members present for information supporting infiltration or wet basements at Winstead Manor.

Harbor View Wastewater Treatment Facility:

Larry Zaragoza gave a brief overview of the situation at Harbor View. There are about 169 residences in the community and they are hooked up to a private wastewater treatment facility. The fee schedule for the wastewater treatment plant is set to be on par with other communities. Fairfax County pays a portion so each household does not have to foot the entire bill. However, maintenance and upkeep is much higher due to the low number of houses. Plus, the current owner of the Harbor View Wastewater Treatment Facility believes the fee schedule should be increased.

Options under consideration:

Current owner retains ownership of the facility and increases the prices to the households connected to it.

Fairfax County purchases the facility from the current owner and maintains the facility.

No one maintains the facility and wastewater is pumped and hauled from the community.

The Chair indicated that environmental standards including Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for PCBs and Aquatic Life are in the process of being developed. Thus, the full extent of the scope of repairs is not known.

A community member from Mason Neck said that the Harbor View Facility meets current County regulations and there have not been problems with the facility meeting the same. In response to a question about the cost for the County to provide a hook-up to a public sewer system, the Mason Neck community member stated that a pipe to a larger treatment plant had not been considered because it would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Moreover, the Chair also noted that County staff reported that a sewer main to this area would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Other committee members questioned whether Fairfax County should be subsidizing the sewer bills of these home owners. Currently, in the County, there are few populations on private wastewater treatment and 2 small communities are on pump and haul systems. Most of Fairfax County is on public sewer, but there are a number of homes on septic.

A draft Resolution was presented and the committee discussed the environmental aspects of the pump and haul option. It was agreed that a large number of trucks along residential streets spewing out exhaust would not be good for the air quality or quality of life of those residents. In addition, a staging area would have to be constructed, as well as roads may need to be upgraded, that would increase the impervious surface resulting in more environmental impacts.

A Resolution was passed that indicated that the pump and haul option was not favored and simply encouraged the Board of Supervisors to consider acquiring the plant, make the decision on the operations of this plant by an independent party and to revisit options for addressing the future of the Harbor View Facility once TMDLs have been established.

Parks and Park Property:

Larry Zaragoza noted that we should plan to discuss recent park property transactions at our next meeting. Information had been provided by Neal McBride. Larry noted that information on the Vulcan property had been highlighted in meeting announcement information.

Airport Noise:

A brief discussion of Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's committee requesting communities around National Airport to report areas where noise monitors should be placed. If you hear noise overhead, contact Mr. John Bell at 703-324-1278 or e-mail him at dpz-admin@fairfaxcounty.gov (Please include Airport Noise in the subject line.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engl Conf. Room, with 9 MVCCA member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Glen, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, and Wellington. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Rinzel was present as liaison to the Council. Neal McBride, resident of Newington Forest, also attended.

Chair's update

The chair reported on several community forums, recent and upcoming, that provide opportunities for citizen participation, including those listed below. Both HHS chair and Mount Zephyr HHS rep plan to participate this month in the start-up of a Neighborhood Advisory Board for the Community Service Board's residential facility for dual diagnosis treatment at Gregory Drive. Hollindale rep Jim Vaughan is providing "vice chair" assistance to HHS chair this month. Others have volunteered to attend selected community meetings.

Since January 2007, 16 member associations have provided active, exemplary representatives to this committee. These concerned individuals deserve thanks at the MVCCA Sept. 26 reception for their continuing efforts (1) to study and understand the complex needs, resources, and issues of delivering essential health and human services in our area, (2) to report to and from their communities, and (3) to recommend appropriate positions and actions to the MVCCA General Council.

Update on Mount Vernon Hospital & Lorton Healthplex

Inova Senior VP and Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Barbara Doyle provided her second report to the HHS committee, outlined in a series of viewgraphs provided to the members. This report, emphasizing striving for "excellence" in all aspects of hospital operations, expanded on goals described in her previous meeting (see HHS Report, MVCCA Record for Nov. 2006). Her aim is to achieve "national recognition" for Mount Vernon Hospital. Committee members were impressed with key aspects of administration and operations: for example, a "robust quality department" monitors consistency of procedures monthly through a "tracer" methodology that reviews care from entry to discharge and follow-up. An independent firm surveys patient satisfaction monthly, using national questions and norms. Quality and consistency of care by a "rapid response" team has been shown to dramatically improve patient outcomes and prevent recurrence for large numbers of patients with myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, or community-acquired pneumonia. Doyle intends IMVH to be ready for a new era of increased public accountability. The Joint Commission Survey of Hospitals will take place, after Jan. 1, 2008, without prior notification, and hospital performance will be posted publicly via internet.

The not-for-profit Inova Health System is financially healthy, is investing substantially into resources crucial to all its hospitals (such as quality and ratio of nurses, specialized "centers of excellence" that can serve patients from throughout the system, etc.), and is granting \$15 million for specific renovation/expansion at Mount Vernon

Hospital. Doyle maintains that Inova's commitment is clear: "Mt Vernon is here to stay and expand," as a vital part of this System. The System is able to share some costs at IMVH for key services—such as a Psych Dept. and care for indigent patients—that are needed in the spectrum but cannot be expected to operate at a profit. Meanwhile, the hospital is successfully recruiting more referring doctors (2 more surgeons expected in October and 3-9 primary care physicians needed), excelling in wound care (with 2 hyperbaric chambers) and joint replacement, and top-rated in rehabilitation for traumatic brain injury (Rehabilitation now has a 67-bed unit, and a celebrated Outpatient Bridge Program).

A continuing effort to recruit/retain staff is paying off, with turnover (11%) and vacancy (below 7.1%) lowest in the System and with key appointments now replacing large numbers of "acting" directors and agency-contracted "temp" nurses. Excellent mentoring of student nurses is crucial both to quality care and to opportunities for later recruiting. Appointment of "charge" nurses is in the works, with a goal of eliminating use of costly agency temps and achieving a 4:1 patient/nurse ratio (2:1 in ICU).

The Lorton Healthplex will relieve staff, provide more outpatient surgical capacity, and be fully "integrated" with IMVH. Some delays are occurring, with the state and local permit process, site work, and physician interest needed prior to space planning for medical office space. Once construction begins, 18 months is the schedule for completion and opening.

Additional ideas in exploratory or planning stages include: Potential interface with Military Medical activities at Fort Belvoir (e.g., Rehab and Bridge services for returning soldiers). Dr. S. Ward Casscells, Asst. Sec. of Defense for Health Affairs, toured IMVH's Rehabilitation Center in early August and wrote of the "model of patient care" there in glowing terms.

Create a "hospital within the hospital" to be specially approved by Medicaid/Medicare and state as a Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) Facility, with 50 beds allocated to this service. If approved, this will allow patients to move beyond the Medicare hospital limit of "25 days" to a level of care less than ICU but with more resources than a nursing home.

Expand "telemetry" capabilities to more of the hospital, improving flexibility in use of space.

Move the Medical Record department, when fully electronic, next door to Sunrise, opening more space for staff in the first floor outpatient and treatment areas.

Committee members reiterated their offer to help in appropriate activities, including involvement with community support. Announcement of an October 13 fund-raising event (featuring the Beats Workin' band) is now being circulated.

Meetings—open to the public

Thursday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m., Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at Mount Vernon Gov Center (Supervisor's Office). [NOTE *date is rescheduled* from July Record announcement.] Chair Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8 p.m., MVCCA Reception in honor of Committee Members. Walt Whitman School cafeteria, prior to the September General Council meeting at 8 p.m. in the Knowles Lecture Hall. (Please RSVP by Sept. 20 to Secretary, carolcoyle@cox.net, to help MVCCA plan.)

Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., Route One Task Force for Human Services, Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Parker's Lane), convenes for a "potpourri" forum of developments and concerns. [NOTE: *focus and venue are changed* from July announcement.] Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

Monday, October 1, 7-9 p.m., MVCCA's HHS Committee, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, meets on *'Homes First': how will strategies to meet special needs and prevent homelessness intersect with evolving policies on affordable and workforce housing?* Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was held in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall at Walt Whitman Middle School beginning at 7:35pm and was chaired by Chair Deb/Debbie Sell-Pugh. Seventeen member associations attended. (Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Memorial Heights, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mt. Zephyr, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Williamsburg Manor NTH, William Randall Estates, Wellington Heights, Woodley Hills Estates, Wellington Heights)

Kings Crossing Development:

Aaron Liebert presented the new plan for Kings Crossing. Residential units are now at 1280 with 12% allocated for Workforce Housing. Buildings will be constructed using LEEDS certification. They are now talking with Harris Teeter to anchor the retail/commercial development consisting of moderately priced "upscale restaurants, cafes, local unique stores (described as not a national chain). Development to include pedestrian friendly plaza and commercial areas, an 8 acre park, rental and condo units, addition of a second entrance way, redesign of the intersection of So. King Highway and Route 1, shuttle to/from Metro, access to Quander Rd. Questions from the committee were asked regarding total commercial residential space percentages. To date JPI has not received a solid commitment from the owner of the trailer park to sell his property. Should the development go on without the property only the existing commercial property will be developed.

General Announcements:

Earl Flanagan briefed the committee on the increased use of unobtrusive cell phone antennae on street telephone poles elsewhere in Fairfax County. These are attached to existing telephone poles and are placed at more frequent intervals within communities. They are cabled by over head fiber optic and allow for one other service provider to cluster the antennae on the pole. This may be something we should consider utilizing in the cell reception dead spots within the Mt. Vernon District.

Neal McBride announced that the Fairfax County Park Authority has initiated plans to sell land in the Laurel Hill project and use the funds to reimburse the monies in the general obligation bond fund.

Eleanor Quigley announced that land proffered for open space as part of the building of the Jehovah Witness Church is experiencing illegal fill.

Dan Fisher-Burrier announced a September 20 meeting at the Martha Washington Library on Ft Hunt Rd detailing the plans for expansion. Work is progressing in getting the Architectural Review Board to post signage for public hearing similar to those used by the BZA/ PC and BOS.

The County Staff has requested Walgreen's at Beacon Hill submit a new plan in an effort to mitigate traffic circulation concerns. If the new plan, now under review, by the staff does not reflect the needed changes to comply with zoning requirements the County will request that Walgreen's apply for a Special Exception and if this happens then the committee should consider having it brought before them.

A brief discussion followed regarding the issue of the Workforce Housing Zoning amendment before the planning Commission on September 19th. The BOS has not yet defined Workforce Housing and the vote at the PC will be deferred until after the BOS hearing. A public review period will remain open until the BOS hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac Sect. IV, Tauxemont, and Wellington.

This meeting was, as usual for the first meeting after the summer, a review of the items we covered during the last year and to identify subjects for review in the coming year. We briefly reviewed the July joint meeting we had with the Health and Human Services Committee presenting an overview of the need to be prepared for disasters. The two committees will have additional joint meetings to cover important aspects of this subject more thoroughly. The chair then provided an overview of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council volunteer programs. We discussed the presentation by Bob Mizer last spring of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. There is still an issue concerning his scheduling the training in the Mount Vernon District. The chair and Carl Cameron will continue working to have this training scheduled. As a follow on to Les Bennett's presentation in July, a flyer was provided announcing the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area 'Save a Life Saturday' on September 15 at the George C. Marshall High School. The event centers on the training provided by the Red Cross including adult CPR, babysitter training, first aid for cats and dogs, family care giving, and Community Disaster Education (CDE).

The chair then reviewed the statistics for the Labor Day weekend. There were nineteen vehicular deaths in Virginia versus only eleven last year. The Fairfax County Police have a DUI Strike Force to better address the number of drivers driving under the influence of alcohol

and/or drugs. The committee briefly addressed the new driving violation penalties established by the Virginia transportation bill signed into law last spring. The additional fines are stiff but currently apply to only residents of Virginia – and not to out of state residents committing driving infractions while in Virginia. The new law only went into affect on July 1. The initial cases are only beginning to work their way through the courts. There are many issues concerning these penalties. We will track them and see what the Virginia Assembly will do in the next session.

The Fairfax County Police have also established Police Enhanced Code Enforcement Teams to address the issue of overcrowding in homes, apartments, etc. The intent is to reduce the use of houses by multiple non-related persons with the attendant noise, excessive numbers of vehicles, and unsafe living conditions. There was a discussion about a Team's action at the Southern Motel on Richmond Hwy. There the issue was not only excessive numbers of inhabitants in some rooms, but the general condition of the motel's rooms. The Fire Marshal went in first and found leaking, unsanitary plumbing, insect/rat infestation, and generally unsanitary conditions. The Police then found not only too many people occupying some rooms, but some criminal activity in prostitution and drugs. Some fifty people were evicted and the motel shut down. The committee has concerns about some of the people evicted since many had no place to go to on short notice. It will follow up on this as the Police have indicated that other motels on Richmond Hwy will be the targets of future action.

The committee then reviewed Supervisor Hyland's email about the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee's call for information concerning aircraft noise over the county. Most members believe that the noise has largely abated as a result of the change by the airlines to more quiet aircraft. There is still some concern about the safety of aircraft flying low over our neighborhoods when they are either taking off or coming in for a landing.

The committee also reviewed the SFDC's announcement of public meeting on September 19 seeking public input to create new signs along the Richmond Hwy corridor to help motorists and pedestrians and to bolster community identity.

Finally, the chair offered Child Identification Cards provided by Supervisor Hyland's office. These are to be used by families to have identification information for authorities in the event their child disappears.

The committee then identified some items for review at future meetings. These include gang activity, a briefing by the ICE on illegal immigrants, a briefing on the new Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC), the bird/avian flu threat, the Police Code Enforcement Teams, the Police DUI Strike Force, and the Park Police.

Our next meeting will begin at 7:30pm Tuesday, October 4 in Supervisor Hyland's Conference Rm. in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The subject will be a review of gang activity in the Mount Vernon District. This is important as there has been an apparent gang related death as well as other gang issues recently. Our speaker will be MPO Greg Bender who is the Mount Vernon Police Station gang activity officer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Special Committee on Workforce and Affordable Housing met July 26, and also on August 9, 2007 at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Community organizations represented were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hunting Creek Club Apts., Riverside Estates, Sherwood Forest, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV and Woodley Estates, on July 26th, and Mason Hill, Riverside Estates, Sherwood Forest, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Wellington, Woodley Estates on Aug. 9th.

The July meeting started with a discussion on how two committee members John McCormick and John Jeszenszky will take turns chairing meetings until a permanent chair for the committee can be found. The MVCC resolution on North Hill was discussed and was followed by a report from John McCormick, acting as liaison with RHA, stating that so far no specifics were made available on the design of the North Hill development. The County is scheduled to make a presentation on North Hill development on Aug. 7, the MV Government Center. Buddy Hicks stated that so far RHA has had no communication with Woodley Hills on what is to be built in the 11 acres.

At the Aug. 9 meeting, the discussion focused first on the County presentation on North Hill. Those who attended the meeting reported surprise that no specifics were presented on the proposed development. The commitment to hold regular meetings with community representatives was welcomed so was the announcement that the Park Service will work in parallel with RHA in the development process. John McCormick suggested that it would benefit Woodley Hills if a paper were developed with that community's vision on the development of the next phase of construction. Such a paper could be a firm proposal representing the interests of the local residents.

Committee members also agreed to review the latest County definition of Workforce Housing and to prepare comments.

The next meeting of the Committee is planned for 7 pm September 27, 2007 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on September 10, 2007 in the multi-media room of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Mack Rhoades, Transportation Commissioner Mount Vernon District; Mr. Dallas Shawkey, Chair, Public Safety Committee, MVCCA; representatives of 18 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Hollin Hills, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills); five interested citizens and the Chair.

Mr. Robert Brubaker of Metroped and formerly of Safe Crossing, served as guest speaker on the topic of pedestrian safety. A safety problem on the trail on Fort Hunt Road along the Belle View Citizen Association area, was cited as a long-term unresolved problem. The Belle Haven Country Club has an obligation to complete the trail. The recent erections of crash bars, for car safety, have forced pedestrians to the immediate proximity of speeding automobiles. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to place the trail behind the crash bars, at a lower elevation. The chair will request the Supervisor to represent this option as a mandate for the Club. Additional unresolved pedestrian safety concerns were enumerated: Fort Hunt Road further south near the Shopping Center; Pedestrians crossing Route #1 at Beacon Mall in front of Rite Aid Drugstore (James Glenn to document); Wheelchair accessibility in the vicinity of the new Safeway on Route #1; Unused proffer to pay for sidewalk segment near Old Mill/McNair intersection; Pedestrian passage across the Route #1 bridge over Dogue Creek; Missing sidewalk segment on east side of Route #1 approaching the Engleside Office Park. To resolve these and other pedestrian safety problems, the intervention of the political representatives serving the Mount Vernon District was deemed essential. Clarification is needed to determine the accurate staffing arrangements to assure pedestrian safety concerns are addressed early in all road engineering efforts, and to remedy safety flaws. Specifically, the interaction between the public (MVCCA), the Supervisor, FCDOT and VDOT needs to be explained and points of contact determined. For example, the current Pedestrian Safety Coordinator at VDOT is immersed in safety education tasks, but does not seem to have any responsibility to sign off on assuring pedestrian safety aspects in new road engineering efforts. The FCDOT pedestrian safety staff position is a one-person operation. The chair was directed to draft an appropriate letter, to be circulated to Committee members by e-mail in advance of the next meeting; letter to be designed for signature and dispatch by the Co-Chair.

Mr. Brubaker alerted the Committee on a new law which will require that vehicles come to a complete stop when a pedestrian is on a crosswalk. While this sounds appropriate, there are some hidden flaws. A vehicle stopped in one lane will enhance a pedestrian to cross, but unseen, a vehicle in an adjacent lane can hit the presumably safe pedestrian. Additionally, it can slow down highway traffic to a crawl.

Mr. Mack Rhodes posed the question to the Committee if Radar Cameras used in some jurisdictions, like DC, are desired in our area. To avoid undue public resistance it was opined that such cameras might be desirable in school zones. Even within the Committee, some members were concerned that such cameras are often designed to produce revenue, more than provide safety and once employed in school zones will soon be employed elsewhere. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee for further deliberation and action deemed appropriate.

Other traffic concerns were addressed. Left turn sensors might require adjustment at the intersection of Fort Hunt/Sherwood Hall Lane as well as Route #1/Boswell. If the first vehicle is slow to respond to the green arrow, only 3 vehicles will be able to make the turn. Also the traffic lights on the two close intersection of Route #1/Boswell and Route #1/Fordson appear to drift in and out of synchronization, causing periodic traffic backups. The Chair was requested to follow up.

The Committee was briefed on the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program which requires 20% local funding for projects involving pedestrian safety among other ventures. Mr. Neil McBride made a presentation to the BOS to support a pedestrian crossing on a bridge in the Lorton area. It was suggested that sidewalks on Old Mill Road might also fit into the required criteria.

The Committee received updates on various working projects: (1) A letter was sent by the Chair to Senators Warner and Webb and Representatives Davis and Moran, requesting that Route #1 be designated a Defense Access Road in support of BRAC. (2) A letter from State Senator Puller which transmitted a letter from the Commonwealth Transportation Board was received that indicated that it is now their policy to include bicycle and pedestrian facilities in all highway construction projects automatically and local jurisdiction can only opt out by written request. (3) The BOS Manual is expected to be amended to reflect that the entire Mount Vernon District will be designated as a Parking District in a pilot project. Also, that the public will have input on last minute waivers, which will be required to have a 30 day delay before implementation. (4) Red lights on Fort Hunt Road at successive Huntington and Route #1 intersections still require synchronization. (5) John Kohout briefed on the latest aircraft noise situation. New quieter aircraft have helped alleviate the worst problem. New noise sensors are expected to be employed. He has requested reports on noise sensor findings, but so far no response.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for the multi-media room at the Walt Whitman Middle School, at 8 PM on Monday, October 1, 2007; agenda to be announced.

There are no resolutions in the September Record.

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

Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2007 through September 12, 2007

	Budget 2007	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$1,556.44	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,320.00	-\$180.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	\$225.00	0.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$10,871.50	\$8,226.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,370.00	\$15,416.50	\$8,046.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$1,940.95	\$4,059.05
Administrative	\$225.00	\$124.94	\$100.06
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$6,418.03	-\$4,668.03
Web Site	\$690.00	\$270.00	\$420.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$8,953.92	\$11.08
Ending Balance		\$8,019.02	

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR
FOR OCTOBER 2007**

MVCCA Board-SUPV October 11, 7:30 at MVGC

Com	Date	Time	Place	Chair	Phone
AWH	09/27	7:00	MVCG	Jeszyszky/ McCormick	703-799-9635 571-331-1066
BUDG	To be determined			Voorhees	703-765-7551
COAF	10/02	7:30	WWMS -PC	Cox	703-780-2414
EDUC	10/03	8:00	WWMS - L	Harbeck	703-780-1883
E&R	10/03	7:00	SCGC -219	Zaragoza	703-447-1288
H/HS	10/01	7:00	MVGC	Cleveland	703-780-9151
PL/Z	10/09	7:30	WWMS -KH	Sell-Pugh	703-768-2818
PSAF	10/04	7:30	MVGC	Shawkey	703-360-2185
TRAN	10/01	8:00	WWMS -MM	Cohn	703-780-5698

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