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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

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Approval of Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Co-Chairmen's Report on Board Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives' Time

MV Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

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

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

Meeting was preceded by a reception in the Cafeteria to thank committee members for their participation and hard work during the past year; attended by 46 people.

PRESIDING: Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier.

ATTENDING: Co-Chairs David Dale, Dan Fisher-Burrier, Dan Rinzel; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Frank Cohn, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, Dallas Shawkey, Larry Zaragoza; acting committee chairs Debbie Sell-Pugh, David Voorhees; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle; Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan;

Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodley Estates.

Announcements

Appointments: The Co-Chairs have appointed Gretchen Schroeden as Editor for the Record, a voting board member who is responsible for putting out the Record each month. This appointment will be brought before the Council for ratification at the October meeting.

The **Bylaws revision committee** is finishing their work. Members who wish to make suggestions to the committee should submit them by October 31, 2007 to Bob Coyle by email: coylegroup@cox.net.

The **November meetings** will be on the regular schedule; the Board will meet on the second Thursday (11/8) and the Council will meet on the fourth Wednesday (11/28). The November Council meeting is the annual meeting where next year's officers are elected (3 co-chairs, treasurer, secretary).

The **December meetings** will be one week earlier than usual; the Board will meet on the FIRST Thursday (12/6) and the Council will meet on the THIRD Wednesday (12/19).

THE COUNCIL minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as printed in The Record. **MINUTES** were approved as corrected; these will be printed in the October Record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – No meeting held.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. Wessynton Representative Sheldon Hoenig expressed displeasure with Verizon and their performance after installation. November meeting will again have reps from the County, Verizon, and Cox.

Education – Minutes as published. Committee chair Judy Harbeck has been appointed to the FCPS Transportation Task Force.

Environment and Recreation – Next month committee will discuss acquisition of parkland. Friday, 2:30, tour of the Leatherland property with developer's representatives.

Health and Human Services – Chair urged attention to the HHS September Report on progress at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex, per the committee meeting with CEO Barbara Doyle, and also to the Oct. 13 hospital benefit at Belle Haven Country Club. Ken Disselkoen (Waynewood resident) has been appointed Director of the County Department of Systems Management for Human Services. The HHS meeting for Monday, Oct. 1, will be refocused on Services for Seniors. The previously announced focus, on the intersection of "Homes First" human services strategy with county housing policies, is now deferred to Monday, Dec. 3. We are asked to urge Congress to support funding for non-insured/non-Medicaid children.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published.

Public Safety – Minutes as published.

Transportation – Minutes as published.

Katherine Ward questioned the wording in a draft of a letter to state representatives re: quick-take of property for sidewalks. Resolution for quick-take was at first defeated, then re-worked by the committee and, subsequently, approved. (See April 07 Record for Resolution; approved May 07.)

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Minutes as published.

SFDC – Jim Glenn reminded about 25th Anniversary celebration and fund-raiser at Belle Haven Country Club on October 9.

Consensus that Council should pay for 2 people to represent us at this event.

Fairfax County Planning Commission - Commissioner Flanagan reports that there is a public hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on Affordable and Workforce Housing — the definition passed by the Planning Commission and the BOS did not adequately delineate between the two terms which conflicts with the position of the Council. The staff report on the Zoning amendment appears on the MVCCA Housing Committee website. We are encouraged to attend and testify on the proposed amendment before the BOS on October 15.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

Purchase of A-V equipment for use by the committees will be discussed at October 11 Board meeting.

First draft of revised by-laws will be presented at October 11 Board meeting.

Dan Rinzel has agreed to be our registered agent with the state.

David Dale has agreed to be back-up moderator for the ListServ

(Tonda Phalen is the moderator).

Nominating Committee. Co-chairs have appointed Scott Taylor and Mack Rhoades; volunteers from Council are Queenie Cox, Sheldon Hoenig, Gretchen Walzl.

Mr. Hoenig expressed thanks to the co-chairs for the thank-you reception for committee members and urged that we make this a regular event.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor Gerry Hyland had a request from a developer for a meeting to discuss infill; he would agree to a meeting with all interested parties and County representatives, but not a one-on-one. He suggests a meeting where developers make a presentation to Committee.

Harbor View Sewage Treatment Plant (Mason Neck) has been bought by the County and will be updated and operated by the County.

Third Annual MVCCA Golf Tournament is October 22, Mount Vernon Country Club.

BRAC – About 8500 workers in the Geospatial division will be located at the Engineer Proving Grounds; some will be located in the buildings on Eisenhower Avenue; some will be located on North and South Post.

Katherine Ward offered thanks on behalf of her community and others to Supervisor Hyland and his staff for their help in dealing with the infill problems that have occurred. Sometime before the end of the year, he will convene a town meeting to discuss this problem and possible solutions.

15 October – Board of Supervisors will consider an amendment on trees.

The Carr Property (Leatherland) – neighbors there seem to be unanimous in their opposition to this development. There are two properties across Telegraph Road from this piece which are owned by elderly people. Gerry has talked to one and will talk to the other about their property being purchased by the County for parkland. Mr. Hoenig asked how the County plans to meet the goal of 45% tree coverage.

Co-chairs presented for approval by Council: Debbie Sell-Pugh to be chair of Planning & Zoning; David Voorhees to be chair of Budget & Finance; Tom Hook and Jim Walton to continue as reps to SFDC. These appointments were approved by acclamation. John Jeszenszky and John McCormick as chairs of SCAWH do not have to be ratified by Council as it is a special committee.

PUBLIC TIME

There will be a public meeting at Hollin Meadows School on October 22 at 7:15 for discussion of 'aging in place' — for people wishing to remain in their own homes as they age.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of Budget and Finance Meeting held October 3, 2007 at Walt Whitman Middle School

The meeting was sparsely attended. Since the last meeting was several months ago, we focused our discussion on what issues the Budget and Finance Committee should direct its attention to before we get inundated by the Fairfax County Budget. Among those issues discussed were are 1) the cost of county services for households and whether higher density projects cause higher expenses to the county for schools, police, fire, etc. than are recovered in property taxes. 2) the extent to which approved bonds can accumulate if unused 3) examination of specific agencies within county government to see in detail how budget funds are used by those agencies (for example, public works)

We also discussed current bond referendums which will be placed on the ballot this November. The school bonds the transportation bonds were also discussed. However, since we did not have a quorum, Budget and Finance did not take a position of any of the bond referendums.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. with the following representatives attending: New Gum Springs; Potomac Valley/River Bend; Stratford Landing; Sulgrave Manor; Wellington; William H. Randall and an adopted Lee District HOA attendee: Mt. Vernon Lakes. Co-Chair David Dale (Spring Bank) also attended.

Our guest was Tim Sargeant, Manager for Government Affairs at Dominion Power. Mr. Sargeant provided the Committee a presentation on the recent transmission line application submitted by Dominion. Although the transmission line will affect a portion of Mt. Vernon, its construction affects neighboring counties (such as Prince William and Loudoun) as well. There is opposition to the application; however, Dominion did listen to citizens during a series of public hearings to minimize impact to historical areas and changed the route. There is still opposition because some do not believe there is a need for the transmission line. The opposition also feels that consumers should be directed to reduce their consumption of electricity. One cannot direct anyone to reduce their consumption. Education is the key; however, it takes a well thought out plan to educate consumers on how to reduce their consumption. Dominion may have failed the consumer in this area but is now playing catch up.

Two studies have been conducted on whether or not a need exists for the added transmission line. The Kema and Summit Blue studies are not in agreement. However, Summit conducted a limited pilot on educating the consumer on reducing electricity during peak time. That pilot may provide added support for the additional transmission line. Another opposition to the transmission line is the "not in my backyard" syndrome.

A study was also conducted by the Department of Energy—National Electric Transmission Congestion Study that states that billions of dollars may be needed in our area because of the high level of consumption.

If nothing is done by 2011, the area may be faced with blackouts because of the growing demand for electricity generated by development and population growth such as BRAC and increased electronic gadgets such as wide screen TVs.

Consumer Affairs plans to have a resolution supporting the transmission line for review and approval by the Council for the November meeting because the current draft resolution is being reviewed by the E&R Committee. The deadline for written public comments is December 14th.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th with Verizon cable and the County returning as a follow-up to our September meeting. See the September 2007 Record. The Verizon representative is Celes Davis-Foster; Local Manager, Customer Advocate Specialist. The County representative is Mitsuko Herrera, Director, Communications Policy & Regulation Division. The agenda will cover the construction process, roles and responsibilities; complaints and other issues.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 8 pm, in the library at Whitman MS. Associations represented included: Mount Vernon Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills Estates, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Mount Vernon Farms, and Riverside Estates. Co-Chair David Dale and two interested citizens also attended.

Dr. Brian Binggeli, FCPS Cluster 4 Assistant Superintendent, was the featured speaker for the annual "State of the Cluster" report focusing on recent test scores, federal and state mandates affecting testing as well as various school improvement initiatives to address aspects and gaps in achievement.

One area the Committee was particularly interested in pursuing was testing issues with regard to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students, particularly since the Committee last Spring had initiated, and MVCCA adopted, a Resolution in support of the School Board's position (which was also the position of the Commonwealth of Virginia) rejecting the US Department of Education (USDOE) stance on testing reading skills of recently arrived immigrant and low level LEP students for purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Under pressure from DOE, Virginia (and thus FCPS) did administer regular SOL tests to severely LEP students with the predictable result of high failure rates which contributed substantially to problems meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) across Virginia and certainly in our schools. Although relatively few students were affected, in diverse schools already struggling to improve achievement as the bar rises, the additional failure of only a handful can severely impact AYP, particularly since the failure of one LEP student might be counted "against" a school in multiple AYP categories (eg Hispanic, LEP and Economically Disadvantaged).

Dr. Binggeli reiterated that in Fairfax, which "ranks" LEP students according to degree of English proficiency on a scale of 1 (least proficient), 2, 3, 4 and Monitor/Exit (no longer LEP but with occasional assistance if needed), levels 3 and above—and some 2s—have always taken regular reading SOLs, and passed at rates

comparable to other students. He also discussed measures to demonstrate that students move through the levels at appropriate pace and noted that, once reaching the Monitor/Exit level, former LEP students achieve pass rates above County averages.

It was also discussed that the situation will likely continue until USDOE approves a new Virginia test since the only alternative for severely LEP students is the VGLA, or portfolio approach, also used for some Special Education students. The VGLA approach to LEP was piloted in several local schools, but it is a very labor intensive and expensive procedure and was particularly problematic this year due to the timing of the testing decision since it requires year-long collection of materials demonstrating student reading progress. Many believe the USDOE's rejection of Virginia's use of the SELP test, which admittedly measured language acquisition rather than specifically reading, was misguided since rudimentary English language acquisition is a precondition to learning to read in English and studies make it clear that depending on the age, ability and previous educational experience of the student, adequate language skills take time to acquire.

In other areas, the Committee was pleased to hear of some significant successes in the Cluster particularly at the high school level where Mount Vernon High School had very significant increases in SOL and SAT scores and in numbers of students doing well on International Baccalaureate (IB) tests and seeking the full IB Diploma, and West Potomac High School posted significantly higher numbers of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes while maintaining the same AP pass (3 or above) percentage. It was also gratifying to hear initiatives undertaken by each school's supporting Pyramid schools to share and promulgate successful teaching and curricular strategies, and to work on vertical integration in the core subjects to assure each school and grade level is meeting expectations as students move through the grades.

Dr. Binggeli stated the Cluster focus will continue to be essentially three-fold: (1) Methodology, since with appropriate strategies and practices in place, scores will follow; (2) Assessment, featuring constant formulative evaluation of students so appropriate adjustments can be made, and (3) Teacher Leadership, building opportunities and increasing input from teacher leaders.

The new format for the School Improvement Plan (SIP), developed by a team including Dr. Binggeli, also met with Committee approval and should assist in the three focus areas. The new SIP is much less broad and requires specific focus on a recognized school need together with specific plans for attack and assessment of efficacy. It requires that all staff analyze and understand data, perform self-analysis of instructional strengths and weaknesses, and understand best practices. Because of the narrowed specific focus, every staff member should be knowledgeable not only about the focus but also the ways in which the school will address the focus.

The Committee also briefly discussed the continuing problem of the African-American student achievement gap, which particularly affects our area since we have the highest overall population in this group. Dr. Binggeli noted that those Virginia districts which have an apparently higher SOL pass rate have a very structured approach which requires all schools to use the same instructional materials and to teach concepts and facts in the same "A to Z" order, with constant teacher assessment using handheld computers. The Committee noted

that this formulaic approach might meet with resistance since schools and parents in Fairfax are accustomed to tailoring instructional materials (working from an accepted list) to the school with parent/teacher selection committees. In addition, many parents would be concerned that higher achieving students would not benefit—and might even be harmed—by overly strict structure and rote learning practices. While these are valid concerns, they could perhaps be addressed through better differentiated instructional practices where students who "get it" are challenged through enrichment or "horizontal" learning even as the structure is maintained. More uniformity would also help with high mobility problems since students (usually those already in risk categories) moving around within Fairfax still often miss key instruction due to differing school practice although high stakes SOLs have helped somewhat. Still, these are difficult questions when you have populations with such extremes in economic status, ethnicity and parent education levels and expectations.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming School Bond Referendum and unanimously adopted the Resolution, printed elsewhere in this RECORD, recommending approval. Although this Referendum includes little construction or renovation in our District, Mount Vernon schools have benefited significantly from other County-wide referenda and will need funds to be included in future issues.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 8 pm, Whitman MS
Speaker: TBD

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.

In attendance: Newington Forest Civic Association; South County Federation (guest); Newington Civic Association (2); Woodley Hills Civic Association; Hollin Hall Village; Collingwood-on-Potomac; Winstead Manor (guest); Spring Bank Community Association; MVCCA co-chair; Lorton residents (2) one of which is a Lorton Heritage Society member (guests).

Fairfax County Parks Authority Presentation:

A Fairfax County Park Authority representative provided background on the Acquisition of Park Lands in the leased Vulcan Materials Quarry and how the Vulcan Quarry park land is to be transferred to Vulcan Materials Company. According to the presentation, the DC Government entered into a lease agreement with Vulcan Materials so that 115 acres of land in Lorton Correctional Complex was leased to Vulcan Materials for its quarrying operations. When the prison closed in 1997, federal legislation assigned the property to the National Park Service (NPS).

NPS's Federal Lands to Parks Program gave the 115 acres to the Park Authority in 1999. According to the presentation, the land was transferred to the Park Authority with the condition that the Park Authority exchange the quarry property for land suitable for park development. While constructive possession occurred in 1999, it was not until 2002 that the property transferred to the Park Authority, along with the Vulcan Material leases associated with the property.

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Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) purchased 140 acres of undeveloped woodland that has direct access to the Occoquan River and historical sites thereon. It is the Fairfax County Park Authority's intent to exchange this purchased Park Authority land with the Vulcan Materials leased land that it also owns. Fairfax County Park Authority would sell the leased land to Vulcan Materials for a fee calculated by a certified appraiser.

Newington Forest Civic Association and the three guests from the Lorton area voiced numerous concerns about the lack of communication between the FCPA and neighboring communities and the perceived attitude that citizenry input, especially input from those citizens who live in the immediate vicinity of the old Lorton Correctional Complex (now Laurel Hill Park), was not welcomed. The Environment & Recreation Committee, in general, expressed concern for the lack of communication on this land transaction and expressed the desire to be better informed on Fairfax County Park land decisions.

The E&R chair summarized this issue by requesting the Fairfax County Park Authority to inform, educate and receive feedback from the entire Mt. Vernon community and especially those citizens most affected by the Park Authority's decisions. The chair highlighted the interest of the Committee in the North Hill Forest/Park Land. The expectations and desires of the community should be heard and taken into account by Fairfax County staff, FCPA, FCHA and other governing agencies. The Committee discussed developing a resolution was suggested to improve such communications; however, Mr. Bowden of the FCPA agreed that communication and accountability to Fairfax County citizens should be a top priority and he agreed to work with the MVCCA through the E&R Committee to improve communications. The Chair also expressed the desire that the E&R Committee maintain regular communications with the FCPA so that the citizens of the Mount Vernon District can better understand and participate in these decisions.

Carr Homes:

Lynn Strobel representing Carr Homes discussed a third proposed design for the PDH-2 housing that her client would like for the Leatherland property. A site walk thru was held on September 28, 2007 for E&R and P&Z Committee members, MVCCA Board Members, and adjacent neighbors. Based on discussions at the walk thru, a proposal with a larger treed buffer area, a smaller public road and a pipestem driveway was created. Ms. Strobel conveyed that Fairfax County staff does not have issues with the rezoning and noted that 5% more tree save was obtained with the 3rd design. In addition to proffers already made, Carr Homes would consider bat houses/purple martin houses to alleviate mosquitoes attracted by the detention pond.

A Newington Civic Association resident stated that every June since Winstead Manor was built by Carr Homes, her front yard floods. She had pictures from 2003 showing the flooding and sedimentation (color of the water) during the construction of Winstead Manor. She was concerned that another development could cause more flooding due to inadequate storm water management. While the engineer for Carr Homes stated that their proposal meets Fairfax County stormwater regulations.

The residents were also concerned about the size of the drainage pipes, as they wondered if there was a capacity issue. For example, can the same pipe receive run-off from three developments when the area was all forested when the pipe was laid. According to the Carr Homes engineer, the street pipes are more than adequate for the 10 year storm, which is for storm water management under the FC Public Facilities Manual. The residents of established homes were concerned about the flooding of three parcels of land (all greater than 150 feet from the pipe) due to the mushrooming effect of the storm water due to the greater lack of tree cover. The Carr Homes engineer also did not know of any current flooding on Telegraph Road (it was noted that we are experiencing a drought).

A comparison of an R-1 development versus a PDH-2 development showed that the density for an R-1 development would be 7 dwelling units per acre with a minimum lot size of 36,000 square feet and 66,760 square feet of impervious surface, while the PDH-2 development would have 12 homes with a minimum lot size of 10,900 square feet (although no requirement under the Ordinance) and 79,670 square feet impervious surface.

While the Newington Civic Association opposes the rezoning from R-1 to PDH-2, the Winstead Manor community association had not voted on any proposal by Carr Homes at this point. He indicated he would bring this up at the P&Z Committee Meeting. The resolution drafted for the E&R was revised and passed.

Harbor View:

It was noted that the Board of Supervisors had already voted to negotiate for the acquisition of the waste water treatment facility and thus, the Harbor View Resolution that was passed last month was updated and passed.

Feeding of Waterfowl Prohibited in Designated Areas:

The current Fairfax County Ordinance that prohibits the feeding of mallard ducks and Canada geese in and around Little Hunting Creek expires on November 1, 2007. While two members of the committee voiced their opposition to this Ordinance because they questioned the merit of the Ordinance, the Resolution passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

October 8 Special meeting

A special meeting was called for Monday, October 8 to address two concerns. First, there were some questions about the support for some of the statements in the draft resolution that addressed the request from Carr Homes for rezoning. Second, the E&R had not addressed a draft Tree Ordinance that had been drafted.

The Committee met at 2:00 pm at the Village Wharf restaurant in on Fort Hunt Road. The meeting was chaired by Larry Zaragoza and representatives of the following communities participated: Collingwood on the Potomac, Woodley Hills, Newington Civic Association, New Alexandria Civic Association, and Wellington Heights. The meeting reviewed each element of the resolution on the request for rezoning for Carr Homes. A number of changes were made to this resolution. A resolution on the draft tree ordinance was

also discussed. The draft Tree Ordinance was approved to be advertised at the very end of September and a hearing was scheduled for October 15. Therefore it was critical that the E&R develop comment if the MVCCA was to be heard on this draft ordinance. Resolutions were passed on both issues. For information on the draft tree ordinance see:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/pfm/treeordinance/treeordinance.pdf>

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center with 10 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon MHP, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Wellington, and United Voice at King's Crossing. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Rinzel was present as liaison to the Council.

Our invited guest resource was Sarah Allen, Acting Regional Manager (Region I) for the county's Dept. of Systems Management for Human Services, who provided extensive background and printed information for our October focus on Finding Services for Seniors. Also invited to participate was Mary-Carroll Potter, representing Mount Vernon at Home, a newly incorporated group of local residents exploring "aging-in-place."

Update on issues and meetings

The committee reps reported on issues discussed in recent community forums that provide opportunities for citizen participation: Barbara Thompson (Mount Zephyr) described "start-up" meetings to organize a Neighborhood Advisory Board for the Community Service Board's residential facility for the New Horizons treatment program (at Gregory Drive). Lainge Bailey (Wellington) provided a concise written summary of the county's 8th Annual Mental Health Awareness Week Conference, organized around the theme "Recovering Hope" and emphasizing that service providers and public must let go of "patronizing" attitudes to understand that *full recovery* is an appropriate and realistic treatment goal for a majority of those with mental illness. Anne Parke (Hollin Hills) reported on the Route 1 Task Force Sept. 27 meeting, at which members of the County "Strike Force" explained aims, procedures, and results of their investigations/closures of unsafe "illegal boarding houses," in single family homes and motels. Discussion led to agreement that a better strategy is needed to assist displaced families and some specific suggestions; it also revealed mounting frustration that emergency shelters are full (with waiting lists) and housing is not available for those at any transition point in the customary "pipeline."

The chair reported on the *revised* fall agenda for the HHS Committee's monthly focus: *please see the meetings listed below*. Although our scheduled guest resource for September was called out of town on short notice, our postponed consideration of the "Homes First" strategy should prove timely on December 3: a key report to the BOS, the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, will be presented Nov. 26, allowing us to consider how the report's recommendations may intersect with current housing policies. Committee members proposed a 7 p.m. starting time for future meetings, with flexibility for special circumstances, including guest resource availability.

Finding Services for Seniors

What services are available in the Mount Vernon/Region I area for seniors (as well as adults with disabilities) and for those who seek appropriate services for family members or neighbors?

Volunteering on short notice, our county Acting Regional Manager for Human Services Systems Sarah Allen provided an outstanding overview of the extensive network of services available in our area, through several county departments and through private nonprofit agencies. Recognizing how difficult it can be to find a clear path to the right service or combination of services for a particular situation, or even sometimes to assess and "name" what is needed, Allen provided some essential starting points that deserve to be in neighborhood directories and news letters and in personal address books.

Fairfax County's "one stop shop" for finding human services: *To speak to a professional social worker about finding appropriate services for an older person (or persons of any age with disabilities), call 703-222-0880, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.* (Assistance in Spanish and other languages is available.) This person in Coordinated Services Planning can direct you to services provided by public, private, and community-based organizations and can explain matters such as eligibility guidelines or sliding-scale fees.

Internet resources: Discovering resources—for an array of needs from recreation to an adult day health center to in-home services to transportation options—can begin on your schedule, any time of day or night, with on-line directories:

Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging web site:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa

This useful home page has announcements of current events (such as the October 26 Caregiver Seminar & Information Resource Fair) and volunteer needs, followed by a good directory of direct links for "Access to Health, Disability and Aging Resources."

Statewide Senior Navigator: **www.seniornavigator.org**

Information on health and aging resources for older adults, caregivers and adults with disabilities in Virginia.

Locating out-of-state services: **www.eldercare.gov**

Eldercare Locator, essential for long-distance family caregivers, links to counterparts, in other states, of our county's Area Agency on Aging and also has a toll-free number: 800-677-1116.

Allen distributed a variety of printed resources to committee representatives, including a telephone/web site directory printed in June 2007: *Services for Older Adults in the Fairfax County Area*.

Mary-Carroll Potter provided information on a new group, Mount Vernon At Home, that is organizing around the theme of "Staying Power," seeking to assure that quality services will be available (for members, in neighborhoods in an area roughly north of Mount Vernon and east of Route 1) that support "aging-in-place," or "remaining in our present homes with the maximum of independence." The group plans an informational meeting Monday, Oct. 22, 7:15 p.m. in the Hollin Meadows School Cafeteria (for information, call Tom Hirschfeld, 703 768-2606). Potter explained that the group wishes to use existing community resources without duplicating services and supports now in place, but they also hope to have community input about services and resources that are needed and wanted. Transportation needs are among the most frequently cited.

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Potter's reference to a model program, Senior Health, at Massachusetts General Hospital, stimulated discussion of potential benefits to both hospital and community that a center for geriatric medicine at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital might provide (see www.mgh.harvard.edu/seniorhealthweb).

The committee is pleased that the Mount Vernon area has 5 county senior centers and an outstanding Adult Day Health Center. They asked Allen for an update on appropriate public transportation available for seniors and persons with disabilities in our area—its availability and reliability. (The MVCCA has supported county funding for such transportation, and other services for seniors, in its March 2007 Human Services Planning resolution, as published in the March 2007 Record.) The committee also hopes to learn more about ombudsman programs that monitor care in nursing homes.

Meetings—open to the public

Tuesday, Nov. 6 (Election Day), 7 p.m., MVCCA's HHS Committee, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engl Room (2nd floor) meets on *"The Health Care Safety Net and issues of uninsured care."* Guest Chris Stevens, Director of the Community Health Care Network. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

Thursday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., Route One Task Force for Human Services, South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Dep. County Exec. for Human Services Verdia Haywood presents two key "blue ribbon" panel reports to the BOS, one on mental health from the Beeman Commission and another to recommend an Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

Monday, December 3, 7-9 p.m., MVCCA's HHS Committee, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engl Room (2nd floor) 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. Guest resources: Pam Michell, Dir. Of New Hope Housing, et al.

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Supervisor's Office) for a quarterly update on operations and planning for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and the Lorton Healthplex. Chair Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

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 Debbie Sell-Pugh. Seventeen member associations attended. (Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Memorial Heights, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mt. Vernon Mobile Homes Residents Assoc, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Williamsburg Manor North, William Randall Estates, Wellington Civic, Wellington Heights, Woodley Hills Estates, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes Assoc)

(Note: Because the Lecture Hall was so hot the meeting moved to the library at approximately 8:30p.m.)

Leatherland/Carr Homes:

Lynne Strobel presented the rezoning application for the Leatherland property on Telegraph Rd from R-1 to PDH2. The development plan calls for 12 homes and the following proffers:

- Recordation of conservation easement on tree save areas to ensure preservation
- Preparation of a tree preservation plan
- Contribution to the Park Authority (\$16,460.00)
- Contribution to schools (\$23,260.00)
- Contribution to affordable housing (1/2% of sales price)
- Building materials
- Energy efficient homes/low volatile organic compound paint and carpet
- Archeological study

Lynne also presented two additional alternative PDH2 plans the first of which pushes development away from the shared property line with members in the Newington Community and removes the sweetgum tree on the lot providing a 40 ft buffer and leaving mature trees within the space. The second plan shortens the public street and creates a pipe stem driveway for the 5 homes at the end of the development, again creating a larger tree buffer along the shared property line.

Lynne agreed to ask her client to defer the scheduled planning commission hearing from Nov 15th and bring the plans submitted to the county back for the November meeting. Mr Byers suggested removing home #9 and shifting the home #10 to see if the pipestem driveway could be removed and achieve approximately the same tree buffer. Member of the Newington Community spoke in opposition of the rezoning application because of increased number of homes and the potential for street flooding the development may cause. They wish for the property to remain R-1 per the Comp Plan. Which allows for larger lots with fewer but larger homes and are in agreement that the buffer area of an R-1 by right development is best suited for their community. Ms. Cindy Smith will provide a list of community concern to the Chair who will forward to Ms. Strobel to address and both will be posted to the website prior to the next meeting. Resolution was deferred until November.

22308 SE-MV-2007-024 Maarten Crijns & Red Young

The Crijns/Young home is located at 8130 Stacey Road, Alexandria VA within the Tinkle Community. The existing condition of the home is poor with sagging floors and walls, is not energy efficient and has a cracking foundation. The home is the only one within the community located within the 100 year floodplain. The lot does not permit another spot to build outside the floodplain. The proposed new dwelling is the same location as current house, therefore minimizing land disturbance. The current home is 1800 sq ft, the proposed home is 4000sq ft. However, the dwelling is going to be 12ft narrower (less wide) than the current home to maintain minimum stormwater impact and greater area for the adjacent creek therefore increasing its ability to flow. They have proffered a conservation area in the rear of the lot. The BFE is 17.6 ft with the additional 18 inches required by Fairfax County the first floor elevation will be approximately 19.1 moving the structure out of the floodplain. The house nearby was built 3 years ago and is much

larger and on a hill towering over the existing home. The builders propose to use 300 cubic yards of fill to elevate one side of the new home out of the floodplain. Mr. Crijns stated that he has some issues that came up regarding the RPA and he needs to meet again with county staff. He will address the issues with County staff and contact the committee chair with information concerning such and return to the November meeting for a resolution. Eleanor had some concerns regarding language in Mr. Don Lacquement's memo concerning the development in a floodplain and Debbie will call for clarification. Resolution was deferred until November.

General Announcements:

Eleanor Quigley filled the committee in regarding the Tree Ordinance which is scheduled for BOS hearing on October 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wessynton, Woodley Hills Estates, and Wellington.

The chair opened with a short reprise of the presentation given by Bob Bermingham, Fairfax County Gang Prevention Coordinator, to the Board of Supervisors on September 24. The presentation is entitled 'Fairfax County Gang Prevention, 2005-2006 Status Report'. Copies were available for review. The five current county initiatives are: 1. Expansion of the Middle School After-School Programs., 2. Enhancement of Road DAWG Program., 3. Intervention, Prevention and Education Program., 4. Gang and Youth Violence Resource and Referral Phone Line., and 5. Smart Kids/Safe Choices.

The Middle School After-School Program is collaboration between Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public School with the support of 140 outside organizations/groups. The 27 middle schools now offer a total of 767 different activities, including homework help, athletics, and leadership skills development. The total average weekly attendance at all middle schools is 11,654. There appears to be a direct relationship in the growth in attendance since 2004 and the decline in gang crime.

The Road DAWG Program is collaboration between the Police Department and eight other county agencies to reach over 100 at-risk youth and their parent/guardian. It included weeklong camps at West Springfield, Reston and Mount Vernon district stations. There is also follow-up with campers throughout the year.

Intervention, Prevention, and Education (IPE) is a collaborative effort between the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, Fairfax County, and the Center for Multicultural Human Services. Funding from the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force provides for two full-time Gang Outreach Workers assigned to targeted communities in Fairfax County. The IPE provides intervention services to gang-involved youth, prevention services to siblings, and educates parents/guardians regarding gangs and available resources.

The Gang and Youth Violence Resource and Referral Line is a collaboration between the Department of Systems Management

for Human Services and Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. The line provide a 24 hours, 7 days a week resource and referral phone line for youth, parents/guardians, law enforcement, community organizations, and service providers to obtain information regarding gang prevention and intervention services.

Smart Kids/Safe Choices is a Community Services Board partnership with community and faith-based organizations to deliver a violence/gang prevention program. It is delivered at more than thirty sites with 524 youth served. It targets 9-13 year olds, 55% males/45% females, and ethnically/racially diverse youth.

The results of the gang prevention effort have been impressive. While overall crime in Fairfax County decreased from 2005 to 2006, gang crime statistics indicate a greater rate of decrease with a 32% decrease. There has been no evident increase in the number of gang members residing in Fairfax County during the past year. The number of gang members has been hard to establish as it is no longer a plus to be known as a gang member.

Our speaker was MPO Greg Bender the Gang Prevention Officer at the Mount Vernon Police Station. He reports that gang activity in the Mount Vernon District has been very low to non-existent during the last year. The combined effect of the regional and Fairfax County efforts has resulted in very little identifiable gang activity here. He described the local Evening Reporting Center that was is a four week program to work with kids at-risk. Additionally, there has been a program at the South County Center which provides for juvenile probation, street law information, police information, and anger management. He reported on the anti-gang initiative in the Mount Vernon District on September 21-22. Law enforcement officers from seventeen different divisions, in uniform and plain clothes, saturated the Mount Vernon Police District on Friday, September 21 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday. The effort focused on the areas around Sacramento Drive, Seven Woods Drive, and Lockheed Boulevard. More than 35 traffic summons were issued. A vehicle was stopped and the driver arrested for possession of cocaine and marijuana. A stolen vehicle was also stopped by a Motor Squad and the driver arrested. Probation and Parole Officers conducted nine home visits during the operation. None of the arrests were gang activity related. Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police Officers assisted in the operation by handing out anti-gang pamphlets.

The chair provided a brief description of the Virginia Ignition Interlock Program which is a new program to allow judges to require DUI offenders with restricted driver's license holders to drive vehicles equipped with ignition interlock devices. The interlock is a small, computerized breath testing device that is wired into a person's vehicle requiring a breath test before allowing the vehicle to be started as well as random rolling retests while the vehicle is being driven. In Virginia, the interlock will allow the vehicle to start only if the person's Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is less than 0.020%.

The chair also reported that the Day Reporting Center, formerly at Franklin St. and Richmond Hwy., is in the process of moving to the IMP Bldg. located at Woodlawn Dr. and Richmond Hwy. next to the Roy Rogers. The Day Reporting Center is under the District 29 Probation and Parole Office. The Center provides services for probationers and parolees who live along Richmond Hwy. and are in technical violation of the conditions of their probation or parole. The

intent is to get them back in compliance so that they will not have to be returned to jail. The Center will be in its new location starting November 1.

Our next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 1 in Community Rm. #3 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. We will have speaker from immigration enforcement.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Special Committee on Workforce and Affordable Housing met September 27, at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Community organizations represented were: Hunting Creek Club Apts., Riverside Estates, Sherwood Forest Estate, Stratford Landing CA., Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, and Woodley Hill Estates.

MVCCA Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier gave a detailed account of his testimony in support of a definition on Workforce Housing before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2007. He pointed out to the supervisors that as much as affordable housing is needed for those below the 60% of the median income, the majority at the middle-income level are faced with the same needs. It now takes a \$137,500 income per annum to purchase the median house representing 156% of the median income. The workforce is primarily found in the 60% to 120% of the average median income. Neither group can afford the median house.

The Committee reaffirmed the definitions of affordable and workforce housing as approved in a MVCCA resolution in October 2006, as follows: "Affordable Housing means residential housing that has a sales price or rental amount that is within the means of a household that is low to moderate income or less. In the case of dwelling units for sale, housing that is affordable means housing in which payment of principal and interest, taxes that may be adjusted by state and local programs for property tax relief, and insurance constitute no more than 30% of the gross household income for a household with less than 60% of the area median income, adjusted for household size. In the case of dwelling units for rent, housing that is affordable means housing for which the rent, heat, and utilities other than telephone constitute no more than 30% of the gross annual household income for a household earning 60% or less of area median income, adjusted for household size. Affordable housing shall include all types of year-round housing, including, but not limited to, manufactured housing, housing originally constructed for workers and their families, accessory dwelling units, housing accepting rental vouchers and or tenant-based certificates under Section 8 of the US Housing Act, as amended, and assisted living housing, where the sales or rental amount of such housing, adjusted for any federal, state, or municipal government subsidy, is less than or equal to thirty percent of the gross household income of the low and or moderate income occupants of the housing.

Workforce Housing means residential housing that has a sales price or rental amount that is within the means of a household between 60% and 120% of the area median income where typically no more than 30% of the gross Household income is expended for housing and is not housing accepting rental vouchers, Section 8 or other

government subsidy currently in place and does not currently have other assistance programs attached. Such housing available in a broad price range represents a basic requirement for the core work force in the county."

It was noted that the County Planning Commission was reviewing the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment on the Workforce Housing Program the same evening as the Committee meeting. Since SCAWH has not had the opportunity to review this document, members hoped that discussion on this amendment would be deferred so that Committee comments could be prepared.

In planning next steps, John McCormick offered to contact workforce organizations (police, firemen, teachers, etc.) to make them aware of the review of affordable and workforce housing definitions by the county. The SCAWH co-chairs agreed to follow the review of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment closely and to call a special meeting of the Committee to comment on the Amendment when appropriate.

There was no new information from the County on the development of North Hill.

The next meeting of the Committee is planned for 7 pm October 25, 2007 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on October 1, 2007 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner, Mount Vernon District; and representatives of 17 member organizations (Belle Haven, Belle Haven Terrace, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and the Chair.

The Committee was addressed by Mr. Chris Wells, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) on Pedestrian Safety issues. The Chair had distributed a draft letter which reflected problem areas in achieving safety for pedestrians and individuals with disabilities. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the District Supervisor's Office, who were invited, failed to attend. (Note: A subsequent letter from the VDOT representative to the Chair addressed aspects of the draft letter). Committee members agreed in principle with the information in the draft letter. Mr. Wells explained that the Supervisor's Office should be the normal contact for the public when requesting remedial actions or recommendations for pedestrian safety measures, except for such small matters which can be handled by the VDOT Traffic Operation Center (Tel. 703-383-8368). While money is available for trails and sidewalks, the need for a State Right-of-Way is paramount. If that does not exist, there is a considerable time lag. Neither VDOT nor FCDOT will contact private owners to request them to provide sidewalks; such requests should come from the Supervisor's Office. He indicated that caution is necessary when trying to expedite the taking of property for State purposes; a backlash by the public is feared. It was pointed out that VDOT has greater authority

than FCDOT in the taking of property, and when pedestrian safety is involved, the VDOT authority should govern; this may require in a change from current procedures. The periodic coordinating meetings in the Supervisor's Office, attended by representatives of VDOT, FCDOT, the police and MVCCA, have been proven useful and should continue. Mr. Wells agreed that waivers for pedestrian accommodations should not be granted. However neither VDOT nor FCDOT is prepared to waive standards for quick fix projects; the lead time for such construction is at least two years. The need for a pedestrian crosswalk on Huntington Ave was highlighted. Mr. Wells advised that crosswalks are desirable where traffic controls exist, however, they provide a false sense of security when placed without such controls.

The Chair distributed a handout from the prior Public Meeting on the County's "Richmond Highway Transportation Initiative - Intersection, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Access Improvements". The suspense for responses is Oct 5; Committee members were requested to submit input to the Chair before that date.

The Chair read a draft letter on road maintenance to the Committee requesting political representatives to have VDOT provide advance information on projected resurfacing work. The Committee approved the dispatch of the letter.

Jim Glenn reported on his observations on pedestrians attempting to cross Richmond Highway at Beacon Mall. The pedestrian crossing buttons at that location are not clearly marked, the time sequence to activate enough time to cross Route #1 will cycle for at least 5 minutes before the pedestrian crossing light turns on, there is no current way to shorten that cycle and crossing with the green light does not permit enough time to cross the highway; only the safety island can be reached in one cycle.

The Committee was updated on the following: (1) The Supervisor is still trying to get the entire Mount Vernon District to be declared a Parking District by the Board of Supervisors; his first attempt was not successful. It maybe necessary to provide an "opt-out" provision, for civic associations who do not desire these restrictions (2) The construction of a Huntington Tower/Terrace Complex opposite the remaining Huntington Tower Apartment building is situated in Alexandria and we do not have much leverage. On the basis of traffic, it would be hard to argue that this presents an increase, since a number of building were and are being demolished. This matter is referred to Environment and Recreation Committee. (3) There is no further action of aircraft noise at the present. (4) The police are monitoring the traffic light on Fort Hunt Road, approaching Route #1. A report will be available by our next meeting. Similarly they will have input on speed cameras by that time. (5) A follow-up will be needed on our proposal to have Route #1 declared a Defense Access Road; so far no response. (6) A public hearing is scheduled for the emplacement of a speed table on Morningside Drive.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM, November 5, 2007 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be provided.

Resolution in Support of 2007 School Bond Referendum

WHEREAS as part of the November 6, 2007, election, voters in Fairfax County will be asked to approve a School Bond Referendum (2007 Bond) in the total amount of \$365.2 million, including the following:

- (1) \$65 million for new construction;
- (2) \$160.8 million for renovations to existing schools;
- (3) \$18.5 million for program support, including full day kindergarten and adult education;
- (4) \$29.75 million for infrastructure management, including major repairs and technology upgrades;
- (5) \$38.6 million inflation adjustment to complete 15 previously funded projects;
- (6) \$50 million for a bus service facility in cooperation with Fairfax County;
- (7) \$2.55 million bond costs; and

WHEREAS the issuance of bonds will continue to be subject to limits placed by the Board of Supervisors, in order to maintain the County's excellent bond rating, maintain low net long term debt ratios and assure that bonded debt will not be a contributing factor to any increase in local taxes; and

WHEREAS the projects to be funded pursuant to the 2007 Bond have been prioritized in the Fairfax County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which evaluates the needs of school properties on a regular basis based on age and condition of facilities, population and other demographic changes, and educational program needs in order to provide students and the community with adequate and safe facilities and protect the school system as an important asset to Fairfax County's continued growth; and

WHEREAS school facilities are also important to the community at large for meeting locations, senior citizen meal programs, County School Age Child Care, adult education programs and recreational needs including gymnasiums, playing fields, and classes and camps offered by the Park Authority; and

WHEREAS the 2007 Bond includes funds relating to construction of the new Laurel Hill Elementary School in Mount Vernon District and for an addition for Hybla Valley Elementary School, which is part of the West Potomac Pyramid, and many Mount Vernon District schools have benefited in the past from previous County-wide voter approval of bond referenda and expect to benefit from future referenda,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in consideration of all of the above that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends approval of the 2007 School Bond Referendum on November 6, 2007.

E&R: Proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has advertised a proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance to regulate the preservation and removal of heritage, specimen, memorial and street trees;

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has established a goal of 45% tree canopy coverage;

WHEREAS, projections indicated that tree cover for Fairfax County will be dropping from over 40% to about 38% or possibly lower; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance would reduce the loss of tree cover, which serves many vital functions including removal of carbon dioxide, reducing runoff of surface soils, providing habitat for wildlife, and many other useful functions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to adopt this draft ordinance; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors revisit this ordinance in one year to assess what improvement might be made to this tree ordinance.

E&R: Leatherland/Carr Homes Proposed Rezoning (RZ 2007-MV-011)

WHEREAS, Carr Homes is requesting a rezoning from R-1 to PDH2 in order to increase the density of a proposed development that would increase the number of homes from 7 to 12;

WHEREAS, the R-1 development would not require any rezoning nor associated proffers, which would include some tree buffer;

WHEREAS, the steepness of the slopes is now greater due to the widening of Telegraph Road;

WHEREAS, the residents of the area are concerned because of a history of flooding including lot 72, which has an active septic field, and adjacent lots;

WHEREAS, in August/September of 2003 Carr Homes repaired and cleaned up sediment on Telegraph Road that was released during the construction of Winstead Manor in June 2003. Residents are concerned that given the topography and clear cutting that Carr Homes will again be unable to control stormwater runoff and associated sediments;

WHEREAS, the adjacent community, the Newington Civic Association, opposes this rezoning from R1 to PDH2 because of concern for open space, tree cover and stormwater runoff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends that the Planning Commission postpone consideration of RZ 2007-MV-011, which requests the rezoning of the Leatherland property from R-1 to PDH-2; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors direct staff to undertake an independent study concurred on by the County Staff prior to the Planning Commission hearing on the Leatherland site. The study would evaluate potential negative impacts of stormwater runoff and flooding during the construction and once the project is completed.

E&R: FEEDING OF WATERFOWL PROHIBITED IN DESIGNATED AREAS

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Ordinance that prohibits the feeding of mallard ducks and Canada geese in and around Little Hunting Creek is scheduled to expire on November 1, 2007;

WHEREAS, the feeding of migratory waterfowl has several adverse impacts including: increasing the numbers of migratory waterfowl that can otherwise be sustained in that area; attracting additional migratory waterfowl, which can serve as vectors for disease such as the avian flu

and deposit fecal material in residential yards (where it can be consumed by dogs and very young children);

WHEREAS, other species have been found to spread other diseases such as the West Nile Virus; and

WHEREAS, the problems caused by migratory waterfowl and other species are not limited to the area in and around Little Hunting Creek but extend in many other areas of the County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) request that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) direct staff to examine whether this restriction on the feeding of wildlife should be extended to other species and other parts of the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA request that the BOS extend the expiration date of the Ordinance up to another three years.

E&R: HARBOR VIEW TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the current owners/operators of the Harbor View Wastewater Treatment facility have notified the County that they will either substantially raise rates or sell their existing facility, which serves a community of 169 homes in the Mount Vernon District;

WHEREAS, the County currently subsidizes the cost of wastewater treatment for the residents that are serviced by the Harbor View Facility so that their sewage treatment bills will be in line with those of other Fairfax County residents;

WHEREAS, County Staff believe that the facility can be operated at less cost than the estimated cost of operations that the existing owner/operator would require;

WHEREAS, the residents of Harbor View, and the Mason Neck Citizen's Association have petitioned the County to acquire and operate the waste water treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, a pump and haul solution would require large numbers of trucks along residential streets to transport the sewage, increasing vehicular emissions, constructing a staging area for loading and incur other costs and environmental impacts;

WHEREAS, the cost of wastewater treatment and other mitigation measures needed to meet Total Maximum Daily Limits that have not yet been adopted are not known;

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Mount Vernon District has specifically requested citizen input on the decision to acquire the Harbor View wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted on September 10, 2007 to direct staff to negotiate with the current owner/operator of the Harbor View facility to purchase the facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) endorses the action taken by the BOS to negotiate for the acquisition of the waste water treatment facility; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the BOS revisit options for addressing the future of the Harbor View Facility once TMDLs have been established.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2007 through October 11, 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	\$2,357.95	\$3,642.05
Administrative	\$225.00	\$149.94	\$75.06
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$6,418.03	-\$4,668.03
Web Site	\$690.00	\$540.00	\$150.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$9,665.92	-\$700.92
Ending Balance		\$7,307.02	

COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2007

MVCCA Board-SUPV November 8, 7:30 at SUPV

Com	Date	Time	Place	Chair	Phone
AWH	10-25	7:00	MVCG	Jeszenszky/ McCormick	703-799-9635 571-331-1066
BUDG	11/7	7:30	WWMS-PC	Voorhees	703-765-7551
COAF	11/6	7:30	WWMS-PC	Cox	703-780-2414
EDUC	11/7	8:00	WWMS-L	Harbeck	703-780-1883
E&R	11/7	7:00	SCGC -219	Zaragoza	703-447-1288
H/HS	11/6	7:00	IMVH-Engl	Cleveland	703-780-9151
PL/Z	11/5	7:30	WWMS-KH	Sell-Pugh	703-768-2818
PSAF	11/1	7:30	MVGC-Rm 3	Shawkey	703-360-2185
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