

## May 22, 2008 NEVCA General Membership Meeting Minutes Vienna Community Center. 8 p.m.

**Welcome Members and Visitors.** By NEVCA President Dan Mulville. Welcome. Main business is election of officers. Recognize Charlie Hall and Mark Zetts from Vienna-Tysons Citizen Coalition and Delegate Steve Shannon.

Delegate Steve Shannon gave a 5-minute "Richmond update" of the June-to-March session. Creating a budget was described...done for one year, then in the following year it is reconciled. Difficult this year because revenues coming to the state are going to be slow. Cautious to not create fiscal obligations in "out years," and not create new programs, with the exception of new funding for mental health services, greater funding for higher education, and two consumer advocacy initiatives. A brochure was distributed: *2008 Session Highlights* [<http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/highlights/2008/>]. Delegate Shannon encouraged NEVCA members to call or email him if there is anything he can do for them.

**Northside Park Update.** By Bob McCahill. The Northside Park Connector Trail was dedicated on April 5. In addition to the dedication ceremony, a tree was planted near the trail in commemoration of Arbor Day. Well done to all NEVCA members, Council members, and especially Cathy Salgado, director of Vienna Parks and Rec, who helped make this bike trail that connects Glyndon Street NE with the Washington & Old Dominion trail a reality.

**Treasurer's report.** By Susan Stillman. \$1,609. In good shape. Major expense is the printing of the newsletter. Dan Mulville asked folks if they would like to get the NEVCA Notes newsletter electronically, and if so, to let Susan know.

**Annual Election.** No floor nominations were made, and results were: President, Dan Mulville; 1st VP, Mary Ellen Larkins; 2nd VP, Linda Ebersole; Treasurer, Susan Stillman; Secretary; Bob McCahill.

**Beulah Road Update.** By Dan Mulville (for Doug Francis). Completed in April. Holly Chu did a good job. We all benefited. Were able to preserve trees, and by and large the road is a real plus, with sidewalks and curbing, etc. and safety is improved. Regarding the mulch site, Dan M called Holly. Believes there are fewer complaints and more cooperation because Holly was pro-active in responding. Lastly, there was a meeting of Town Council regarding traffic calming on Church Street. Posting of speed limits, and more signage, were discussed.

### **Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition**

Speakers:

CHARLIE HALL, Chairman, Providence District Council

MARK ZETTS, McLean Citizens Association.

NOTE: GTCC is comprised of citizens and civic associations in Fairfax, including the McLean Citizens Association, Providence District Council, Hunter Mill Defense League, Fairfax Citizens for Responsible Growth, homeowner associations, and the Mayor and other leaders of the Town of Vienna. GTCC seeks to ensure that plans for high-density growth at Tysons Corner do not overwhelm our already burdened roads, schools, parks, sewers, and streams. See <http://www.fairgrowth.org/GTCCHoA.htm>

Charlie Hall: Distributed an 18 page handout, dated May 22. Recognized Laurie Cole, in attendance, for her good work on the monitoring Tysons land use task force. In 2005, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors appointed a

task force to look at issues, and the TF included citizen reps, land owners, developers, a mix of people. Early in 2008 GTCC was formed to represent citizen concerns about Tysons TF proposals. None are anti-development, change is healthy. Concerned however with water and sewage issues, playing fields, roads, fire & police staffing, schools, etc. vis-a-vis various proposed density limits. The question should be: At what density point do you run out of the resources mentioned?

Mark Zetts: Referred to the handout. Goals, mission statements. 17,000 live now in Tysons. One plan is for 85,000 people. Dense. Described how another recent huge growth project, in Arlington, made a point of preserving neighborhoods in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. It was limited to ¼ mile. There is 45 million square feet (msf) there now, everything, and the Tysons Task Force is considering 85 million, 100 million, and more. Consider 100 million as "5 new Viennas." The debate: How much is too much? Regarding parks and playing fields, they are heavily used now, and in support of 85,000 residents, 1 new soccer field and 1 new baseball field is proposed. At a March Task Force meeting, prototypes were submitted for 97 msf, and 127 msf, and the consultant recommended 114 msf. The Task Force must select one. Six task force members think 114 msf is too low, and have proposed 145 msf, 155 msf, and 165 msf. The Task Force is heavily weighted towards developers. Traffic is a big consideration, and charts were presented discussing growth's effects on travel time. Sobering. Fairfax County had said initially that above 97 msf, road systems will begin to shut down.

Charlie Hall: Issues are issues if people really care. Talk to others. Talk with people in athletic leagues. There must be a reasonable limit to growth. The GTCC is approaching Fairfax's supervisors on this now. Some are sympathetic, and concerned.

Laurie Cole: The way it works...The TF makes recommendation. The Fairfax board reviews and votes. GTCC members are meeting with Supervisors individually. The Vienna Town Council sent a letter to Cathy Hudgins requesting information on the impact on roads, strongly supporting a street study. The County will do the study, but it won't be finished until after the task force makes its recommendation. Let supervisors know you care. Letters to newspaper editors would be very useful. New people, not just Charlie and Mark all the time. Take into account adverse affects on travel time, etc. The streets to be included in the street study of Vienna should have been done by now, and McLean citizens have gotten the supervisors to i.d. theirs already.

Mark Zetts: This is the largest development in the United States. Nothing compares to it. Mentions how sewage considerations alone will involve +\$100 million construction cost and then higher operating costs because Blue Plains won't be able to handle all of it and it will have to go to more expensive places. Regarding parks, Fairfax standards are 22 acres per 1,000 citizens, but the Task Force call for only 1 ½ acres per 1,000 citizens. Going from here, there needs to be a lot more scrutiny, and better communication.

Charlie Hall: Thanked everyone for listening attentively, and suggested talking with the GTCC, Laurie Cole, if NEVCA members are interested.

**New Business.** None. Door prizes courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

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