

# **McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

## **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PROPOSED POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT**

**February 18, 2005**

**Ratified with amendment on March 2, 2005**

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County released to the public on February 10, 2005 the Proposed Policy Plan Amendment (Item: SO1-CW-15CP) prepared by the staff for an out-of-turn Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated purpose of the Plan Amendment is to update the Parks and Recreation section of the Policy Plan to reflect current issues, policies, research, demographic changes, and approaches surrounding the provision of parks, open space, and recreation in Fairfax County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission Public Hearing for the Proposed Policy Plan Amendment was scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2005, but was postponed due to inclement weather to Wednesday, March 16, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on this matter is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Staff Report contains changes that raise significant issues that potentially could have a major impact on the uses, development, and acquisition of Fairfax County parks, in addition to the protection, preservation, and management of both natural and cultural resources; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the McLean Citizens Association urgently recommends that the Planning Commission Public Hearing for the Proposed Policy Plan Amendment be deferred at least ninety (90) days so that citizens will have time to evaluate the 37-page document and formulate suggestions and recommendations as deemed necessary for modifying it.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the McLean Citizens Association urgently recommends that workshops be organized and their schedules widely publicized, with not less than two (2) in each Magisterial District and not less than two (2) County-wide workshops in order to define and explain the rationale for the proposed changes and to accept comments and recommendations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the absence of adequate public education, involvement, and comment, the McLean Citizens Association opposes the proposed Policy Plan Amendment.

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