

# McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting FINAL Minutes, January 5, 2011

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS (6)

Rob Jackson	President.....	Absent (excused)
Sally Horn	First Vice President.....	Present
Darren Ewing	Second Vice President.....	Present
William Denk	Treasurer.....	Present
Kerry Stackpole	Corresponding Secretary.....	Present
Nicki Watts	Recording Secretary.....	Present

### DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc. ....	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA .....	Absent
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association .....	Present
Chris Cole	Marlborough-Nantucket .....	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area .....	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council .....	Present
Leslie Gelman	Lemon Road.....	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Present
Gregg Hagedorn	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Present
Jack McMahan	Hallcrest Heights.....	Present
John Mealey III	McLean Hamlet .....	Absent
George Parkins	Shouse Village Community Association .....	Absent
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association.....	Present
Suzanne Samuels (Seigel)	Langley Oaks.....	Absent
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms .....	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates .....	Present
Gary Soverow	Lynwood HOA .....	Present
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt HOA .....	Present
Robert Wrede	Evermay Community Association.....	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights – Mt Daniel.....	Present

### AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Farrokh Alemi	Absent (excused)
Roshan Badii	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Bill Crosby	Present
Don Finberg	Absent
Joe Gibson	Present
Usha Jairam	Present
Elizabeth Morton	Present
Dale Murad	Absent (excused)
James Phelps	Present
Ted Smith	Present
Kathryn Woods	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Bobbi Bowman.....	The McLean Ear
Dan Alcorn.....	Transportation Committee
Brian Trompeter.....	Sun Gazette

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Horn called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM at McLean Community Center's Community Hall (sections B & C).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The MCA Board meeting minutes for December 2, 2010 were approved as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The report for January is inserted below:

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

5-Jan-11

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance	11/3/2010				<b>18,393.92</b>
		<b>Deposit</b>			
Additions	12/18/2010		Dues	\$255.00	
Total - Additions					<u>255.00</u>
Total					<b>18,648.92</b>
		<b>Check #</b>			
Deduct					
Total - Deducts					<u>0.00</u>
Checking Balance					<b>18,648.92</b>

**Certificates of Deposit**

3000102773	APY 2.2%	10/6/2010	5,644.15
3000102774	APY 1.25%	8/23/2010	5,574.99
3000103064	APY .75%	10/1/2010	5,777.44
CD Total Current Value			<u><b>16,996.58</b></u>

**Net Worth (Checking/CD)**

**35,645.50**

**Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.**

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Denk  
Treasurer

## **REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Kerry Stackpole reported that the Pay Pal option for paying dues should be finalized with the web master this week. Darren Ewing stated that a grant had been applied for to improve the intersection of Chain Bridge and Old Dominion; he also has info on rain barrel grants to collect clean water for later use.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Resolution on Cabin John Bridge

Jim Robertson introduced the resolution as a means to raise the visibility of the bridge which is an important issue for the committee. Congestion at the end of the HOT lanes which terminate at the bridge has been highlighted previously and continues to be the primary concern of the MCA. Of additional concern is the foreseeable life of the bridge which is at least 25 years due to the substructure. The three involved highway departments, Rep Van Hollen and Rep Wolfe representatives met along with the committee to discuss the situation. Mark Zetts recognized the key efforts of Dan Alcorn to get the parties together to discuss this important subject. The purpose of the resolution is to start the process for bringing public attention to the situation. Pressure needs to be placed on congressional delegations for VA and MD to obtain funding as quickly as possible. "If the bridge went out of use, the beltway would become a cul de sac." Motion was made, seconded and the resolution was passed with Jim McMahan abstaining.

### **McLean Citizens Association Resolution on the Congestion Problem at the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge January 5, 2011**

**WHEREAS** residents of McLean have reported ongoing severe congestion on the Beltway headed north to the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge over the Potomac River ("the Bridge") that is backing up traffic on to Georgetown Pike and neighborhood streets that feed onto Georgetown Pike; and

**WHEREAS** the McLean Citizens Association Transportation Committee undertook to study this problem as a result of citizen complaints to determine if there is a long range solution to this congestion; and

**WHEREAS** at MCA's request Congressman Frank Wolf initiated a meeting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to discuss this problem, and as a result FHWA hosted a meeting on this topic with representatives of MCA, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Maryland State Highways Administration (MSHA), and Congressmen Wolf and Van Hollen's offices; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009 MSHA and VDOT completed a study entitled the West Side Mobility Study that addresses the Beltway from Georgetown Pike north into Maryland extending up the I-270 corridor seven miles to I-370. This study shows increasing severe congestion in this corridor in the future as a result of growth in traffic (study available on the internet at <http://www.capitalbeltway.mdprojects.com/osWestSideMobility.html> ); and

**WHEREAS** MCA representatives learned as a result of the meeting hosted by FHWA that the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge has a remaining useful life of approximately ten more years, and that the preferred alternative resulting from the West Side Mobility Study is to begin planning to replace the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge and to restripe the Beltway, both of which will add additional lanes to the Beltway; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the McLean Citizens Association calls on our public officials to address the congestion problem at the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge by initiating studies and other efforts necessary to begin planning for replacement of the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge and restriping of the Beltway and I-270 to add additional lanes for traffic.

Copies to:  
Hon. Frank Wolf

Hon. Chris Van Hollen  
Secretary Sean Connaughton  
Senator Janet Howell  
Delegate Barbara Comstock  
Supervisor John Foust  
Chairwoman Sharon Bulova

## **EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

A survey will be going out to the community to solicit opinions on the starting date of the school year.

## **BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

Resolution on MCA Desired Guidelines for FY 2012 County Budget

Two versions of the resolution were discussed. Decision needed on whether MCA position is to keep tax rate constant or revenue level constant. Motion made and seconded to consider the original resolution with 11 editorial items added, and was passed 18-8 (abstentions by Elizabeth Morton and Leslie Gelman). A friendly amendment was accepted to modify the wording to “consider” austerity measures which replaces “adopt” wording. Friendly amendment accepted to change wording that board “strongly supports” to “favors”. Extended discussion of whether resolution should go to the Board of Supervisors. Decision made to treat the resolution as sense of the MCA for whomever is interested in our principles. Vote on the amended resolution was motioned, seconded and passed 22-4 (abstentions by Roshan Badii and John Schaefer).

### **McLean Citizens Association Resolution on Principles to Guide Development of the Fairfax County Budget January 5, 2011**

**Whereas** Fairfax County faces a third straight year of budget shortfall for FY 2012, with the prospect of additional shortfalls in FY 2013 and FY 2014, due to reduced revenues, adverse economic conditions, and likely reduced government spending; and

**Whereas** the federal government and many cities, counties, and states are being forced to take severe measures such as furloughs, salary freezes, benefit revisions, and service reductions because of similar problems with market stagnation and slow growth; and

**Whereas** the Fairfax County Executive does not anticipate any federal or state stimulus or transfer funds for FY 2012, such as those that helped balance the FY 2010-2011 budgets (in which compensation was held flat); and

**Whereas** Fairfax County property owners have endured continual annual increases in property taxes even as property values have declined, because tax rate adjustment has been the primary last step in balancing the budget; and

Whereas the FY 2012 projected shortfall of approximately \$125 million does not include any school operating transfer or compensation increases, nor infrastructure requirement costs, and FY 2013 forecasts a \$36 million shortfall also; and

**Whereas** a requested 2% increase for all employees, with refined pay-for-performance and merit increments would result in revised shortfalls of approximately \$233 million, \$268 million, and \$328 million for FYs 2012-2014, respectively, which would require even more severe cuts in public services and property management; and

**Whereas** given the above considerations, to live within our means and balance the County budget, now

**Therefore be it resolved** that the MCA strongly supports consideration of austerity measures, including but not limited to the following:

1. Adopt a residential tax rate that will result in FY 2012 revenue[s from residential taxes] at about the same level as FY 2011, based on actual 2011 assessment values;

2. Develop, implement and publicize metrics to evaluate the degree to which programs are cost-effective, and cut or eliminate programs that are not providing an adequate return on investment;
3. Develop and implement metrics to evaluate the number of personnel and skill sets required to provide direct services to County residents, and cut positions that are determined to not be required for this purpose;
4. Increase efficiencies in the administration of County departments and services by consolidating human resource, information technology, and public affairs functions County-wide;
5. Cut administrative costs, particularly by cutting the size of Department headquarters, including for education;
6. Protect the direct provision of services to County residents, to the maximum extent feasible;
7. Freeze hiring and/or establish policies that result in an overall decrease in the size of County government;
8. Develop and implement compensation and benefit policies and procedures tied to affordability and merit rather than across-the-board percentage increases which escalate successive year legacy costs;
9. Require greater contributions to retirement and health benefit plans by existing and new County hires;
10. Prevent "grade creep" or unwarranted upward reclassification of positions as a means of circumventing the County austerity measures enumerated above; and
11. Require that any increases in expenditures for specific programs be accompanied by corresponding decreases elsewhere in the County budget.

Copies to:

John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor  
 Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner  
 Benjamin Wiles, Staff  
 Fairfax County Planning Commission  
 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

A final decision will be made on the Reddfield substation location January 13<sup>th</sup>. Per Leslie Gelman, a meeting will be held at the McLean Government Center on stream restoration as part of the substation expansion agreement Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

A developer is planning to develop a cluster of 12 houses in Chesterbrook Manors (El Nido HOA) on lots under 10,000SF. With R3 zoning, this will mean 100% tree removal. Among the issues are storm drainage and access from Divine Street.

## **ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Resolution on Greenway Heights Park.

The Greenway site has been a subject with the committee for consolidation for over ten years. Recently, the school board transferred its ownership of two parcels to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors who cannot effectively use it for anything except a park. The resolution 1) urges the board to transfer the property to the Park Authority; 2) urges the Park Authority to designate the property as a resource-based park which recognizes features like a stream running through it, natural vegetation and the need to preserve these types of features; and 3) asks the Park Authority to put together a master plan. The site slopes enough that playing fields are not feasible but location is appropriate for tot lots, etc. Approval of the resolution was moved, seconded and passed.

**McLean Citizens Association  
Draft Resolution On  
Greenway Heights Park Master Plan  
January 5, 2011**

**WHEREAS** there are several contiguous undeveloped parcels of land in the center of the area bounded by Old Dominion Drive, Kimberwick Road, and Hunting Hill Lane; and

**WHEREAS** some of these parcels are owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority, while some known as the Old Dominion School site were formerly owned by the Fairfax County Public Schools but have been transferred to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS** the part of the site currently owned by the Park Authority contains a stream and associated resource protection area (RPA); and

**WHEREAS** the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) has long advocated consolidation of these parcels as a park serving the local neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Park Authority has recently been exploring development of a master plan which would consolidate these parcels and designate the resultant site a resource-based park; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MCA strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to transfer the parcels comprising the former Old Dominion School Site to the Park Authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MCA strongly urges the Park Authority to consolidate the several parcels and to designate the resultant site a resource-based park; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the MCA strongly urges the Park Authority to complete a master plan for the park giving consideration to such amenities as a tot-lot, children's play equipment, and picnic area, but not major athletic fields since the topography of the site is not suitable for such uses.

Copies to:  
Board of Supervisors  
Fairfax County Park Authority

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**

The topic of the Jan meeting will be the school budget. The Dec meeting was snowed out. Rob Jackson has accepted a position as the Federation's representative on the county advisory group which will comment on redistricting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VP Horn adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m. The next MCA Board meeting will be held February 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Watts,  
Recording Secretary