

# McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, February 2, 2011

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS (6)

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

### AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Farrokh Alemi	Present
Roshan Badii	Absent
Tom Brock	Absent (excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Bill Crosby	Present
Don Finberg	Absent
Joe Gibson	Present
Usha Jairam	Absent
Elizabeth Morton	Absent (excused)
Dale Murad	Present
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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson 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 January 5, 2011 were approved as amended.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The report for February is inserted below:

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance	1/5/2011				<b>18,648.92</b>
		<b>Deposit</b>			
Additions	1/21/2011		Dues	\$30.00	
Total - Additions					<u>30.00</u>
Total					<b>18,678.92</b>
		<b>Check #</b>			
Deduct					
Total - Deducts					<u>0.00</u>
Checking Balance					<b>18,678.92</b>

**Certificates of Deposit**

3000102773	APY 2.2%	10/6/2010	5,644.93
3000102774	APY 1.25%	8/23/2010	5,574.99
3000103064	APY .75%	10/1/2010	5,784.68
CD Total Current Value			<u><b>17,004.60</b></u>

**Net Worth (Checking/CD)** **35,683.52**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Denk  
Treasurer

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Pres Jackson requested approval of Kathryn Murphy’s nomination to replace Adrienne White on the Board of Trustees. Nomination was approved. A volunteer is needed to coordinate McLean Day (May 21) for MCA. Pay Pal has been installed on the MCA web site and is available to use now for dues payments.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Revised Resolution on American Legion Bridge Construction.

Jim Phelps recapped the committee’s Jan meeting which had looked at installing a traffic light at Douglass Dr and Georgetown Pike. VDOT deemed the light inappropriate but said traffic calming measures were possible.

The original resolution incorrectly stated the remaining life of the American Legion Bridge. The effective life is at least 25 years which makes a study unnecessary. A friendly amendment was accepted and the resolution adopted.

**McLean Citizens Association Revised Resolution on the  
Congestion Problem at the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge  
February 2, 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 preferred alternative resulting from the West Side Mobility Study is to begin the process 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. Jim Webb
- Hon. Mark Warner
- Hon. Barbara Mikulski
- Hon. Benjamin Cardin
- 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.

The community survey on the starting date of the school year was released and showed 60% of parents and 70% of teachers favor starting the school year before Labor Day. The state may be coming down with another unfunded mandate for a physical education requirement which Fairfax County Schools opposes. In a work session Superintendent Dale was asked to begin phasing in all-day kindergarten for all elementary schools.

## **BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Superintendent Foust requested that MCA develop a position on purchase of the I-95 waste-to-energy plant. Bill Crosby discussed the Pat Herrity report which opposes the purchase in part due to the cost and interest of the necessary bond, and favors maintaining the current arrangement. The facility was built by Fairfax County and turned over to Covanta Energy with the county paying them to run it. Covanta's contract is up for renewal which has prompted a review of the arrangement. Importation of trash from outside of the state will continue unless the county buys back the plant because it is a revenue generator for Covanta. There are many unanswered questions, e.g., remaining life, maintenance cost, possible renegotiation of fees, risk of investment, etc. Sally Horne recommended that in order to make an informed decision, these questions need to be answered first.

The Budget Task Force has drafted its report. The report does not recommend an increase in teacher pay; if the school board insists upon an increase, it should be taken out of hide.

Ted Smith will research the comment made by Chairwoman Bulova on the addition of a convention center to Tysons Corner.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Resolution on Discovery Woods.

The proposed cell tower at Longfellow Middle School was defeated. There is now an alternate proposal to place it in the free-standing bell tower in the church (New Life Christian) across the street.

A home on Vernon Drive currently providing day care has requested a special exception request to expand with a private school for 26 children operated from 8:30am – 3:00pm weekdays. There is some neighborhood opposition although the position of the Bradley Oaks HOA is unknown. B&T feels there is a need for this type of facility in the community. The resolution recommends staggered drop-off/pick-up times and a maximum enrollment of 26 individual students. A friendly amendment was accepted to insert the word "individual" student. The resolution was approved as amended with Kathryn Woods and Ed Saperstein abstaining.

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution  
Discovery Woods Learning Center, LLP  
Special Exception 2010-DR-024  
Tax Map 19-4 ((1)) 6, 11  
February 2, 2011**

**WHEREAS** Discovery Woods Learning Center is seeking a Category 3 Special Exception to operate a Child Care Center and a Private School of General Education in an existing single family dwelling at 9232 Leesburg Pike in the R-1 zoning district; and

**WHEREAS** the subject property is situated at the corner of Towlston Road and Vernon Drive and comprises two lots that total 1.48 acres; and

**WHEREAS** access to the property is via an access easement across Parcel 19 which provides a connection to Vernon Drive; and

**WHEREAS** the location of the access to the property has been relocated further west on Vernon Drive to reduce the possibility of traffic impeding on the Towlston Road intersection; and

**WHEREAS** the day care center and private school would be non-concurrent uses with the hours of the day care running from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the hours of the private school running from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS** the school would have 4 employees and a maximum of 26 individual students; and

**WHEREAS** the two proposed uses would generate an estimated 75 trips per day; and

**WHEREAS** the Comprehensive Plan shows planned trails running along the north side of Route 7 and west side of Towlston Road; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the McLean Citizens Association supports the subject Special Exception provided the applicant accepts the following three development conditions:

1. The private school shall have a maximum enrollment of 26 individual students.
2. The drop off and pick up times shall be staggered in a manner to ensure cars do not stack or impede traffic on Vernon Drive or Towlston Road.
3. Upon Special Exception approval, trail easements will be granted along Route 7 and Towlston Road.

Copies to:

John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor  
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner  
Benjamin Wiles, Staff  
Keith Martin  
John Ulfelder, Great Falls Citizens Association  
Fairfax County Planning Commission  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

**ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

The head of the Park Authority expressed appreciation to Frank Crandall for MCA's support via the resolution on the Greenway Heights Park which has already been approved. Aircraft noise has become an issue again with complaints, likely from new residents. Low flying Marine helicopters are still problematic.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Farrokh Alemi needs more volunteers on the committee.

**TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Meetings are being held the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Barbara Byron presented her coordination plan to land owners privately without neighborhood input which the committee opposes. The county continues to push the 58-42 developer to taxpayer ratio for funding as opposed to the MCA's recommended 75-25 ratio. The Board of Supervisors needs to make a decision on the financial formula before zoning changes are approved. The funding plan is very vague and much needs to be done to clarify and publicize. Pres Jackson wrote a good article in the local papers. Supervisor Herrity has made a lot of commends and will be invited to meet with the committee. He appears to be representing the landowners including their desire to increase density. A fact sheet will go out for dissemination to the community.

**MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**

The school budget chair, Kristin Michael, made a presentation to the association in January. Joe Gibson predicts that the Montgomery County budget will influence Fairfax County.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pres Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next MCA Board meeting will be held March 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Watts,  
Recording Secretary