

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Final Minutes, February 6, 2008**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (6)

Rob Jackson	President	Present
Steve DelBianco	First Vice President	Present
Susan Turner	Second Vice President	Present
William Denk	Treasurer	Present
Darren Ewing	Corresponding Secretary	Present
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Absent (Excused)

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Absent
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association	Absent (Excused)
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Germaine Broussard	McLean Commons	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA	Present
Sally Horn	The Reserve	Present
Steve Keller	Salona	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent (Excused)
Rene Simpson	West McLean Citizens Association	Present
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Present
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association	Absent
Ellen Todres	Hallcrest Heights	Present
Milt Whitfield	Lynwood	Absent (Excused)

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Whit Ayres	Present
Robin Bates	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Malcolm Butler	Present
Alison Campbell	Present
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Bob Jordan/FCFCA	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Chris Monek	Absent
Dale Murad	Present
Jim Turner	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose presence was recorded by recognition or by signing in:

Joseph L. Gibson	Supervisor Foust's Office	Maya Huber	MPC
Dan Alcorn	Co-Chair Transportation Committee		
Monty Tayloe	The Times	Brian Trompeter	Sun Gazette

CALL TO ORDER

President Rob Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at McLean Community Center's Community Hall (sections B & C).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors' meeting of January 2008 were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

3-Feb-08

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	1/2/08				15,662.37
Additions	1/19/2008	Deposit - Dues		135.00	
Total - Additions				<u>135.00</u>	135.00
Deduct:					
	1/19/2008	Check 1044	USPS Box Fee - Annual	84.00	
	1/19/2008	Check 1045	Web Domain Registry	95.00	
	1/19/2008	Check 1046	Fairfax Fed. Citizen Assoc. Christina Ewing - Data	60.00	
	2/2/2008	Check 1047	Entry	45.00	
Total - Deducts					284.00
Ending Balance - 4/21/07	2/3/2008				15,513.37

Certificates of Deposit

3000102773	APY 3.5%	5,250.91	
3000102774	APY 5.29%	<u>5,202.62</u>	
3000103064	APY 5.19%	5,381.50	
			<u>15,835.03</u>

Net Worth

31,348.40

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

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Denk, Treasurer

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Rob Jackson reported on plans for MCA's General Membership meeting on March 6, 2008. The meeting is planned as a 'Town Hall' format to focus on Tysons Corner development. Planned panelists include Stu Mendelsohn, Janie Strauss (Dranesville School Board), Sterling Wheeler, Lorrie Cole (Vienna), and Charlie Hall (Providence District Council). \$600 has been allocated for marketing costs.

Rob asked 1st VP Steve DelBianco and Treasurer Bill Denk to report on Directors & Officers Insurance. Steve reported that he is applying with McLean Insurance to obtain quotes from two underwriters for D&O coverage. In its applications, MCA must disclose any current legal actions and Steve noted that new policies would not likely cover a pending matter. Per suggestions of the Board, Steve and Bill will obtain quotes for aggregate annual limits of \$2 million, \$5 million, and \$10 million.

Rob Jackson announced that Budget & Tax Committee Chair Chris Monek has resigned because of his demanding work schedule. Rob called for volunteers but none offered.

Rob Jackson nominated Susan Turner as co-chair of EP&R, and this nomination was approved unanimously.

Rob reported that the attorney who had been representing Mr. Rodgers in his copyright matter was no longer representing Mr. Rodgers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Maya Huber of the McLean Planning Committee (MPC) described potential changes to the 10-year-old plan for 'Main Street' McLean. Changes must be submitted in time for the County's Annual Plan Review process. Maya anticipates planning for increased density/FAR to give developers incentive to build enclosed or underground parking structures. Maya discussed FAR and building heights relative to existing structures in the McLean CBD. The future of the old fire station/teen center is uncertain. MPC is holding two meetings on this plan (April 3 and April 4) at the McLean Community Center.

STANDING COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Transportation Committee Chair Dan Alcorn presented a resolution for "Additional Traffic Analysis for the Replanning of Tysons". Committee member Mark Zetts explained the resolution. Wade Smith asserted that the Tysons Land Use Task Force had also requested further traffic studies. The resolution was passed unanimously as amended.

DRAFT RESOLUTION MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Additional Traffic Analysis for the Replanning of Tysons

February 6, 2008

Whereas, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has established the Tysons Land Use Task Force (TLUTF) to recommend revisions to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner to plan for the extension of Metrorail in the Dulles Corridor with four stations in Tysons Corner; and,

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has specified in the Task Force mission statement that an element of the scope of the TLUTF considerations is to ensure that transportation impacts are addressed as part of the planning effort; and,

Whereas, the TLUTF has recently affirmed their support of this requirement by citing the need to protect the surrounding communities in its Areas of Consensus document approved at its January 14, 2008 meeting; and,

Whereas, there are a number of well-established commuter routes through McLean that are used by Tysons Corner workers and vehicles who would otherwise drive through Tysons, and,

Whereas, the McLean community abuts Tysons Corner and is considerably affected by the existing traffic congestion generated by Tysons Corner at its current level of development density and status of transportation infrastructure; and,

Whereas, the two land use prototypes being modeled for the Tysons urban center represent an increase in maximum density of 113133 to 183285% over the existing development of 45 million square feet, and the traffic generated from such future development will have a substantial impact on the local road network; and,

Whereas, the TLUTF cannot adequately and judiciously plan for the future of the Tysons urban center without a complete understanding of the traffic volumes and flows, including on roads, streets, and intersections in McLean, that will result from its land use recommendations; and,

Whereas, Fairfax County's Transportation Policy Plan, Objective 11, Policy a, requires all new development to mitigate adverse impacts upon the transportation system and, Land Use Objective 12, Policy f, requires development intensity be limited to levels that can reasonably be accommodated by planned transportation systems; and,

Whereas, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Regulation VAC 30-155-60 requires localities to submit a Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) that assesses the impact of a proposed development on the transportation system and recommends improvements to lessen or negate those impacts, and the scope of the TIS is dependent upon the scale and potential impact of the specific development proposal being addressed by the TIS as determined by VDOT in its sole discretion; and,

Whereas, a complete analysis of the projected traffic volumes and distribution will allow the citizens of McLean to understand the impact on the McLean community and permit them to assess the recommended Comprehensive Plan changes, provide cogent public comment to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and identify the need for mitigation should the traffic impacts be deemed detrimental to the community;

Therefore, be it resolved that McLean Citizens Association requests the roads and intersections listed in the attachment to this resolution be included in the transportation analysis being conducted against the two land use prototypes and the base case for the TLUTF planning process, so that effects on traffic in McLean, Dranesville District, can be assessed and mitigated accordingly before the selection of the preferred Tysons land use alternative, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the McLean Citizens Association respectfully requests that VDOT define the scope of the required Traffic Impact Study submission to include the roads and intersections listed in the attachment to this resolution.

cc: Honorable Pierce R. Homer, Secretary of Transportation
John Foust, Dranesville District Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville District Planning Commissioner
Sterling Wheeler, Fairfax County DPZ
Leonard Wolfenstein, Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Linda Hollis, Fairfax County DPZ
Clark Tyler, Chair, Tysons Land Use Task Force
Tysons Land Use Task Force
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors David S. Ekern,
Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner Cina Dabestani, VDOT Planning

Roads and Intersections in McLean Area, Dranesville District, to include in the Transportation Analysis conducted by the Tysons Land Use Task Force

ROADWAYS

1. 1. Route 7 west from Tysons Corner to Towlston Road
2. 2. Route 7 east of Tysons Corner to Pimmit Drive
3. 3. Route 123 (Dolley Madison Boulevard) to Old Dominion
4. 4. Lewinsville Road from Rt. 7 to Rt. 123
5. 5. Spring Hill Road between the Dulles Toll Road and Georgetown Pike
6. 6. Swinks Mill Road* from Lewinsville Road to Georgetown Pike
7. 7. Balls Hill Road* from Lewinsville Road to Georgetown Pike
8. 8. Georgetown Pike between Swinks Mill Road and Balls Hill Road
9. 9. Great Falls Street between Dolley Madison Boulevard and Kirby Road
10. 10. Chain Bridge Road between Anderson Road and Dolley Madison Boulevard
11. 11. Magarity Road

*These roads are currently used as cut-through routes by Tysons Corner traffic going to and from Maryland to reach the Beltway at Georgetown Pike. These routes are often used in the afternoon to by-pass several miles of back-up northbound on the Beltway between Tysons Corner and the American Legion Bridge.

ROUTES

Spring Hill Rd – Lewinsville Rd – Swinks Mill Rd – Georgetown Pike
Route 123 (Dolley Madison Blvd) – Lewinsville Rd – Balls Hill Rd – Georgetown Pike

INTERSECTIONS

1. 1. Route 123 (Dolley Madison Boulevard)/Lewinsville Road/Great Falls Street
2. 2. Route 123 (Dolley Madison Boulevard)/Old Dominion Drive
3. 3. Lewinsville Road/Route 7
4. 4. Lewinsville Road/Spring Hill Road
5. 5. Lewinsville Road/Swinks Mill Road
6. 6. Lewinsville Road/Balls Hill Road
7. 7. Great Falls Street/Chain Bridge Road
8. 8. Great Falls Street/Magarity Road
9. 9. Magarity Road/Route 7
10. 10. Georgetown Pike/Swinks Mill Road
11. 11. Georgetown Pike/Balls Hill Road

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Dan also presented a list of intersections/roadways that may merit spot improvements. This list was amended by much discussion, and the Board unanimously approved a motion to transmit the amended list to Supervisor Foust. (see below)

MCA List of Problem Intersections/Roadways That May Require Spot Improvements (Approved by the MCA Board 2-6-08)

This is a list of problem intersections/roadways in the McLean area suggested by citizens to the MCA Board as possible candidates for spot improvements. MCA requests that the Dranesville Supervisor's office task transportation officials to examine these problems and propose solutions where possible.

1. Old Dominion Drive- several intersections have problems
 - a. Old Dominion at Swinks Mill- sight lines are poor, intersection is at a pronounced angle, and cut through traffic from work locations using this in lieu of the Beltway
 - b. Old Dominion at Towlston Road- sight lines are poor due to pronounced angle of intersection, school buses cannot turn west on Old Dominion from Towlston without backing up
 - c. Old Dominion at Spring Hill Road- northbound traffic on Spring Hill turning east on Old Dominion avoids steep ditch by turning wide into oncoming traffic on Old Dominion; westbound traffic on Old Dominion uses right turn lane as through lane to avoid traffic turning left onto Spring Hill
 - d. Old Dominion at Kimberwicke and Bellview-sight lines from side streets obstructed by topography

Caveat- we are not seeking improvements that would be detrimental to the natural appearance of the community.

2. Route 123 at Waverly Way- left turn lane on Rt. 123 N backs up into through lane- possibly lengthen left turn lane on Rt. 123 (this is a cut through to Langley HS)
3. Ingleside Ave. and Rt. 123- the left turn from Ingleside onto Rt. 123 N is dangerous. We have heard this intersection is at Level of Service F.
4. International Drive in Tysons Corner- observers have noted that lane stripings are confusing to drivers causing dangerous abrupt changes of lanes- restriping?
5. Georgetown Pike at Clemyjontri Park- traffic is hazard for pedestrians in crosswalk across Georgetown Pike- perhaps signage could warn drivers of pedestrians and children- traffic calming study is supposed to be underway by VDOT
6. Old Dominion/Chain Bridge Road- drivers 'block the box' during heavy traffic. Turns from eastbound Old Dominion left onto Chain Bridge Rd. are especially difficult. Suggest "Don't block the box" signage for this intersection.
7. Westbury/Davidson intersection near McLean High School- presence of high school students creates pedestrian/vehicle hazard. Suggest 3-way stop sign and crosswalk, also signage for drivers to yield to pedestrians. Traffic calming a possibility.
8. West Park Drive at Route 7- traffic does not clear intersection in cycle of light leading to vehicles blocking intersection- "Don't block the box" signage suggested.
9. Rt. 123 southbound under the Beltway- merge between Beltway traffic entering Rt. 123 and Rt. 123 traffic creates hazardous lane changes as some traffic on Rt. 123 tries to move right to go into Westpark and merging traffic from Beltway tries to move left through oncoming traffic.
10. Traffic light timing at Dolley Madison Boulevard intersections with Chain Bridge Road and Churchill Road during non-rush hours

Reduce signal green time for Dolley Madison Boulevard during non-rush hours at these intersections. The green time for Dolley Madison is longer than necessary. Cars waiting on Churchill Roads and Chain Bridge Road often wait while no traffic is passing on Dolley Madison Boulevard. There is lots of local traffic on Churchill and Chain Bridge at non-rush hours, especially on weekends, because of the commercial businesses on these roads. The lights need to cycle faster at non-rush hours to accommodate this local traffic.

11. Adjust medians on Dolley Madison Boulevard intersections with Lewinsville Rd/Great Falls St and Old Dominion Drive

Move back or add angles to the ends of the medians at some intersections to smooth left turns.

At Dolley Madison Blvd/Lewinsville Rd/Great Falls St:

Left turn from EB Lewinsville Rd to NB Dolley Madison – move back or angle median on Dolley Madison Blvd.

Left turn from WB Great Falls St to SB Dolley Madison Blvd – move back or angle median on Dolley Madison Blvd

Left turn from NB Dolley Madison Blvd to WB Lewinsville Rd – move back or angle median on Lewinsville Rd

At Dolley Madison Blvd/Old Dominion Dr:

Left turn from WB Old Dominion Dr to SB Dolley Madison Blvd – move back or angle the median on Dolley Madison Blvd

12. Add left turn arrow to signals for Beverly Road at intersection with Old Dominion Drive

Traffic turning left onto Old Dominion Drive from both directions on Beverly Road must wait for traffic going straight across Old Dominion. The straight-across traffic is often enough so that all the cars waiting to turn left often cannot turn left on a single green cycle for Beverly Road. This is especially the case during the evening rush hour. Adding a left-turn arrow for Beverly Road would help this situation.

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Mark Zetts and Dale Murad presented a P&Z resolution opposing special exception application in Franklin Park to permit a 2-home subdivision. The resolution was unanimously approved without amendment (see below).

McLean Citizens Association Resolution

William Sloan

Special Exception 2007-DR-018

1942 Virginia Avenue, McLean, Virginia

Tax Map 41-1-((9))-1A

February 6, 2008

WHEREAS, William Sloan is seeking a special exception to decrease the minimum lot width from 100 feet to 94 feet in an R-2 zoning district in the Franklin Park area of McLean; and,

WHEREAS, the one-acre property is in an R-2 zoning district, which requires a minimum lot width of 100 feet; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is seeking a special exception to decrease the minimum lot width from 100 feet to 94 feet for the purpose of being able to subdivide the property into two parcels, each having a lot width of 94 feet; and,

WHEREAS, there is nothing special about the proposed special exception, but rather the applicant requests what many landowners, who are restricted by the Zoning Ordinance, might seek, an exception to the rules to allow increased yield on the property, and

WHEREAS, the applicant cites as justification four nearby properties with less than the 100-foot lot width required in the R-2 district, but these grandfathered properties were developed before Fairfax County had a Zoning Ordinance, and their non-conformance does not entitle the applicant to reduced lot widths; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing to save trees at the rear of the lot through a protective covenant, but the trees he proposes to save have no special value, i.e., they are not exceptional or heritage trees, nor are they an environmental feature that would justify a special exception, nor are they all likely to survive the disruption to their microclimate caused by construction; and,

WHEREAS, there are several specimen trees on the property that could be saved if the applicant builds only the single dwelling unit allowed without a special exception; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is seeking special permission that is not compatible with the existing neighborhood because the separations between the proposed two dwelling units and the existing house to the north would be 30 feet, which is less than half the 77-foot average separation on Virginia Avenue and less than the separations between 37 of the 41 homes on Virginia Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of two homes, instead of one, will likely result in a greater amount of impervious surface, contributing to further degradation of the streams that run through the Franklin Park area; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Area Citizens Association voted to oppose this special exception application; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Citizens Association is concerned that granting this special exception would result in “de facto rezoning” and the creation of additional infill lots that degrade the character of this established neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the granting of the special exception would not result in a clear and demonstrable benefit to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association respectfully recommends that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors deny the minimum lot width special exception application.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner
Joseph Gibson, Legislative Aide
Jane Kelsy
William Sloan
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

No resolution. Chair Ed Saperstein reported that the committee would have a resolution on 08-09 School budget for the next Board meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee member Ed Saperstein asked that current members should let the committee know whether they want to continue serving on the board by March 1.

TYSONS CORNER LAND USE TASK FORCE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mark Zetts reported on a County-sponsored meeting to discuss density in Tysons. Mark characterized the presentation as 'more density equals better living'. Dan Alcorn answered questions regarding funding decisions by the Federal Transportation Administration.

Wade Smith noted that the Tysons Land Use Task Force charter assumes rail to Tysons so they will continue their work under that assumption until otherwise directed by the BoS.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Turner reported that MCA is expected to appoint a representative to help plan summer concerts at the Palladium. Darren Ewing volunteered and will serve in that capacity.

Jim reported that Chevy Chase Bank is attempting to purchase property at Rt 123 and Elm St currently occupied by 3 homes. Jim expressed MPC's concern that the proposed curb-cut off Rt.123, envisioned by Chevy Chase, would seriously disrupt traffic flow around McLean.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan Duval reported progress on demonstration project in west end. Dan said that plans to underground utility lines will require easements from 15 landowners, half of which have been contacted. Dan updated the board on bus shelter repairs.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Bob Jordon reported that the last Federation meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

No report.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report.

MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve DelBianco, acting Recording Secretary