

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors

Final Minutes, March 1, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers (6)

Susan Turner	President	Present
Dan DuVal	First Vice President	Present
Jim Turner	Second Vice President	Absent (Excused)
Germaine Broussard	Treasurer	Present
Mark Zetts	Corresponding Secretary	Present
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (21)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Absent (Excused)
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Herb Becker	Franklin Area Citizens Assoc.	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Assoc.	Present
Donald Borcherding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Assoc.	Present
Valerie Brown	Saigon Citizens Assoc.	Absent
William Denk	El Nido Civic Assoc.	Present
Darren Ewing	Pimmit Hills Citizens Association	Present
John Foust	Timberly South HOA	Present
Louis Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Lynn Bays Fuechsel	McLean County Estates	Absent (Excused)
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford Community Assoc.	Present
Stephen Keller	Salona Village HOA	Present
Brad Macomber	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Jody Marshall	West McLean Citizens Assoc.	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Assoc.	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Assoc.	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Assoc.	Present
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Assoc.	Present
Paul Wieland	McLean Hamlet Citizens Assoc.	Absent (Excused)
Carleen Wood-Thomas	Ellison Heights – Mt. Daniel Civic Assoc.	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (12)

Robin Bates	Present
Mike Clancy	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Donald Finberg	Present
Ira (Jim) Hunt	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Thomas (Tom) Moore	Present
Dale Murad	Absent (Excused)
Ed Saperstein	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Sally Simms	Absent
Wade Smith	Present

Guests whose presence was recorded by signing in or by being introduced:

Elizabeth Hefferon	McLean Resident – Special Ed parent
Rob Jackson	Chair B&T Committee

Jeffrey Nolan Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Rep. to FCPS ACSD)
 Rosemary Ryan Supervisor's Office
 Brian Trompeter Sun Gazette
 Aranya Tomseth The Connection
 Christine Watson McLean resident

CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. at McLean Community Center, Community Hall (sections B and C).

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Turner announced that a memorial service will be held for Dick Poole, a long-time MCA member and Trees Committee Chairman, on Saturday March 4 at St John's Episcopal Church. Herb Becker, who worked closely with Dick in his efforts on behalf of the Trees Committee, will write an appreciation of how Dick Poole helped the McLean community to be published in the local press.

The Annual MCA Awards Banquet will take place March 24 at 7:00 in Maggiano's Little Italy, 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA 22101. The Hon. Lilla Richards will receive the Citizen of the Year Award, Adrienne Whyte the Distinguished Public Service Award, and Ed Pickens the DuVal Environmental Protection Award. President Turner urged MCA members to attend so as to honor those who will receive the awards – and help MCA break even on the cost of the event!

President Turner welcomed new MCA Board Director Brian Blood (Evermay Community Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA meeting of February 1 were taken as read and were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 6, 2006

Checking Account

Beginning Balance - February 1, 2006 (Reconciled)					0.00
Add:	3/2/2006		Deposit from Suntrust		15,357.00
	3/16/2006		Dues		75.00
	3/16/2006		Dues		120.00
	3/16/2006		Dues		300.00
	3/16/2006		Banquet		390.00
	3/16/2006		Banquet		480.00
	3/16/2006		Banquet		660.00
	3/16/2006		Dues		1,110.00
	3/29/2006		Dues		135.00
	3/29/2006		Dues		120.00
	3/29/2006		Banquet		150.00
	3/29/2006		Banquet		150.00
	3/29/2006		Banquet		120.00
	3/31/2006		Interest		28.31
					19,195.31
Deduct:	3/24/2006	1001	Maggiano's	Banquet	(4,013.50)
	3/28/2006	1002	Langley Orch	Banquet	(200.00)
	3/28/2006	1003	Spatial Data Svc	Postage Reimb - Honorees	(40.01)
	3/28/2006	1004	VOID		
	3/28/2006	1005	Lettercomm	Memb Mailing	(1,134.66)
					-5,388.17
Ending Balance - February 27, 2006 (Unreconciled)					13,807.14

**Certificates of
Deposit**

3000102772	APY 4.00%	3 mos - matures 6/2/06	4,000.00
3000102773	APY 5.00%	5 mos - matures 8/2/06	4,000.00
3000102774	APY 4.50%	9 mos - matures 12/2/06	4,000.00

12,000.00

Net Worth

25,807.14

Footnote: Checking account and certificates of deposit are at First Service Bank in McLean.

Respectfully submitted,
Germaine Broussard,
Treasurer

The Treasurer announced that MCA's accounts are being moved from Sun Trust Bank to 1st Service because of more favorable CD rates and advantages of developing a relationship with a local bank.

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

**McLean Citizens Association FY 2007
Fairfax County School Budget Resolution Draft**

Whereas, the School Board of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has a proposed FY 2007 School Operating Budget of about \$2.1 billion, an increase of about \$184 million, or 9.5%, over the FY 2006 approved budget, and about \$94 million, or 4.7%, over the FY 2006 estimated budget; and

Whereas, total students for FY 2007 are expected to be about 164,725 versus in FY 2006 it is about 164,700; and

Whereas, there is a desire to provide quality education for the children in Fairfax County; and

Whereas, there is a desire to avoid a burdensome increase in residential property taxes; and

Whereas, data from the Virginia Department of Education for 2004 (the latest available) shows that, while FCPS educates about 14% of all public school students in Virginia, its Special Education expenses are about 20% of all Special Ed expenses incurred in Virginia and FCPS' spending on all instructional programs (including all Special Ed expenses) for the same period is 16% of total Virginia K-12 instructional expenses. Also, Special Ed has become a very large program in FCPS, the cost of which is exceeded by only Elementary School; and

Whereas, FCPS receive proffers from real estate developers that are inadequate to cover FCPS costs incurred due to additional students from new development, and such amounts are less than the amounts generally proffered in nearby jurisdictions, thus creating a further burden on residential property taxes; and

Whereas, approval of the proposed budget would result in a county transfer increase of about 8.8% and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has proposed a county transfer increase of 6%, resulting in a difference of about \$40 million;

Therefore, be It resolved by the Board of Directors of the McLean Citizens Association that:

1. We support funding the proposed Tier 1 and 2 increases. Consideration of Tiers 3 and 4 should be deferred until the county's proposed budget and updated revenue projections are available.
2. We support providing necessary services to students needing Special Education. We note, however, that the Special Education budget is a very substantial part of the overall budget. Therefore, we request that the school system prepare a report on the past 15 years for spending on Special Education and General Education, showing total funds per student, the number of students in the program, and measures of effectiveness.
3. We urge the Board of Supervisors and School Board to take needed steps to increase the proffer for schools to a level that more appropriately recovers forward-looking costs incurred due to additional students from new development.
4. We recommend reducing funds allocated to step increases to create a bonus pool for exceptional employees. We recommend that the number of employees receiving bonuses be limited, and that a group be set up to develop methods to implement the bonus pool in practice.
5. Regarding the format of the budget, we commend FCPS for including in its budget presentation:
 - Easy-to-follow expenditure impacts under different county transfer scenarios.
 - Strategic goals and targets and related achievements.
 - Long-term statistics and tables showing trends over time.
 - FY 2006 Washington Area Board of Education Guide.

Distribution: School Board

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Jeffrey Nolan, former VP of Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations addressed the Board. The resolution was amended as above "Therefore be it resolved (Indent 2)..." with one opposed (Tom Moore) & 4 abstentions (Frank Crandall, Jody Marshall, Carleen Wood-Thomas & Mark Zetts).

The Resolution was passed as amended with 3 opposed (Ed Saperstein, Michelle Meehan, & Jane Scott-Jones) and 1 abstention (Mark Zetts).

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

DRAFT RESOLUTION
McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
PCA/FDPA 1998-DR-049-03
Evans Farm – William A. & Suzanne S. Moran Property

Whereas, William A. and Suzanne S. Moran have submitted an Amendment to RZ 1998-DR-049 to consolidate two lots (lot 8A and 9A), Tax Map # 30-1((30)) 8A & 9A, located at 7249 and 7247 Addington Drive, McLean, for the purpose of constructing a detached single-family residence and a pool on the combined lots, thereby decreasing the density within the Evans Farm development by one lot, and

Whereas, the Applicant has submitted to the county a Conceptual Development Plan Amendment (CDPA), a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA) and a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA), with the consent of the developer, Elm Street Development, and

Whereas, the scale and architecture proposed for the new house are in keeping with that of the Evans Farm community, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Evans Farm Association, in a letter to Mr. Moran dated November 8, 2005, supported the request and requested that the county expedite the approval process in order to limit the construction process so that it could be completed by the time construction of the development is finished.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the proposed consolidation and construction, as proposed by the Morans.

CC: Joan DuBois, Fairfax County Supervisor
Nancy Hopkins, Planning Commissioner
Fairfax County Planning Commission
William A. Moran

The Board approved the Resolution with 3 opposed (Donald Finberg, Robin Bates & Bill Stevens).

DRAFT RESOLUTION
McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Verizon Wireless Application Number 2232-D05-20

Whereas, the applicant, Verizon Wireless, operates a wireless communications service in the Northern Virginia area; and

Whereas, the applicant, in order to improve wireless service in the area, has submitted a request to install a new 108-foot-high tree-type monopole on land owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) near the northeast intersection of Taylor Drive and Pimmit Drive; and

Whereas, all monopole and wire modifications would be performed by Verizon Wireless, a prefabricated building 12' x 30' x 10' would be placed on grade near the monopole surrounded by a 7-foot-high chain-link fence, and evergreen screening landscaping would be planted both along the publicly viewed side of the building; and

Whereas, Verizon Wireless has not proven that sufficient research was used as a basis for rejecting alternate sites including, but not limited to, an electrical tower nearby on either side of DAAR at Idylwood Road and a water tower co-location opportunity that might be used together to cover the service gap; and

Whereas, the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association has raised strong opposition to the selected site primarily because the visual impact of the structure has not been adequately researched; Verizon Wireless has presented photographs of a balloon test from several points in the community, but none of these perspectives represent the visual impact from the nearest home, just 70 feet across the street from the proposed site, nor from those residences at higher elevations within the community. Without this information, it is difficult to assess the visual impact of the proposed pole despite its disguise as an unnaturally tall evergreen tree.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association opposes the proposed installation of a 108-foot-high monopole in the Pimmit Hills area until further research on alternative sites and visual impact on representative community sites is completed and documented, and recommends that the Fairfax County Planning commission defer the decision on 2232-D05-20 until completion of a review of the missing data by the community and County.

The Board approved the Resolution as amended as reflected in "Therefore be it resolved," above.

McLean Citizens Association Planning & Zoning Committee Monthly Report to the Board March 1, 2005

The monthly meeting of the P&Z Committee was held on February 28, 2006. Present at the meeting were 18 committee members and 12 guests. The following is a summary of the presentations and discussions held among committee members:

Verizon Wireless: Mr. Frank Stearns, Venable, LLP, made a presentation on a Verizon Wireless Application (2232-D05-20) to install a 108 ft. high monopole in the Fairfax County Park Authority property in Pimmit Hills near the intersection of Pimmit Drive and Taylor Ave, with a 12'x30'x10' equipment shelter at the base of the monopole. The service area would include the Dulles Access Road, Pimmit Hills, Tuckahoe and portions of Leesburg Pike. A Crane Test was conducted on January 20th & 21st, which generated some concerns by the community. Representatives of the Committee have held side meetings with Verizon to discuss these issues and try to arrive at an agreement as to the specifics of the installation. PC date is March 15, 2006. Darren Ewing is the P&Z Lead. There was considerable skepticism from a member of the Pimmit Hills community about the negative visual effect on the community and opposition to the installation, based on that and the lack of information pertaining to the evaluation by Verizon of alternate sites. A number of Committee members expressed similar concerns and a Draft Resolution was passed asking for a Decision Deferral by the Planning Commission, pending the results of further study of alternate sites.

Halcyon Estates: Mr. John Manganello, Land Developments Consultants, Inc., accompanied by Mr. Mark Eisenhower, representing the owners, made a presentation on the proposed rezoning of the 3.6-acre property at the intersection of Beulah Road and Atwood Road, RZ-2002-DR-034. The applicant proposes to rezone from R-1 to R-2 in order to construct up to six houses. The neighboring communities are opposed to the increased density and more than 100 persons have signed a petition to that effect. PC date is May 4, 2006. P&Z Lead is Phil Zanfagna. Opposition to constructing six houses was expressed by attending community members from neighboring Beau Ridge, citing an undesirable discontinuity in density and other factors that would result from the construction of the six houses. The Committee will continue to work with the parties during the next two months in hopes of bringing them together on an acceptable development plan prior to the Planning Commission hearing in May.

McLean Glen: Steve Keller provided an update to the committee on the Rezoning Application RZ/FDP 2005-DR-009 and the revised plan, which resulted from a series of side meetings between committee members and the applicant. PC date is April 19th. P&Z Lead is Steve Keller. A meeting with the Applicant has been scheduled in March in preparation for the preparation of a Draft Resolution at the March 28th Committee meeting.

Jim Robertson Dale Murad Co-chairs

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Resolution regarding MWAA Proposal to Operate the DTR and Build Rail to Loudoun County Adopted by the MCA Board March 1, 2005

Whereas, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has submitted a proposal to the Commonwealth of Virginia to assume responsibility for: (1) the ownership and operation of the Dulles Toll Road (DTR), (2) the Commonwealth's outstanding debt associated with the DTR, (3) the Commonwealth's remaining share of financing for both Phases I (East/West Falls Church station to Wiehle Avenue in Reston) and II (Wiehle Avenue to Route 772 in Loudoun County) of the Dulles Metrorail Extension, and (4) oversight of the design and construction of Phases I and II of the Dulles Metrorail Extension; and

Whereas, MWAA would harness its ability to issue tax-exempt bonds and the revenue stream from the DTR to: (1) provide the Commonwealth's share of funding for both Phases of the Dulles Metrorail Extension, (2) service the outstanding debt associated with the DTR, and (3) reinvest a portion of the toll revenues to finance improvements to the DTR and other roads, sound walls and the traffic management infrastructure within the Dulles Corridor; and

Whereas, the MWAA proposal should result in speedier construction and therefore lower cost of the extension of Metrorail into Loudoun County than under the present schedule; and

Whereas, the MWAA has a direct interest in ensuring the speedy completion of the Dulles Metrorail Extension to Dulles International Airport; and

Whereas, the MWAA's proposal does not preclude the participation of private entities from partnering or contracting with the Authority in the operation of the DTR; and

Whereas, the MWAA's proposal would ensure that all net toll revenues would remain within the Dulles Corridor and not be diverted to projects outside the Dulles Corridor or controlled by private entities; and

Whereas, the MWAA has extensive and successful experience implementing and overseeing large projects (including tunneling) and has already worked with WMATA to construct the expansion of the Metro station at Reagan National and is familiar with WMATA construction standards and procedures; and

Whereas, the MWAA is subject to public control and accountability for transportation plans and improvements in the Dulles Corridor; and

Whereas, funds from DTR operations would be maintained totally separate and apart from the funds from airport operations; and

Whereas, MWAA's plan is to keep average real toll rates constant on an inflation-adjusted basis until capacity constraints are reached or improvements are needed;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the McLean Citizens Association urges expeditious exploration of the MWAA proposal by the Commonwealth of Virginia and recommends that the Commonwealth develop an appropriate draft agreement with MWAA for public review.

Distribution:

Governor Tim Kaine
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Robin Bates accepted a friendly amendment reflected in "Therefore be it resolved," as shown above.

The Board approved the Resolution unanimously.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Resolution Requesting Action to Complete a Critical Segment of the Pimmit Run Trail

Whereas, the now partially complete Pimmit Run Trail (PRT): (1) follows the Pimmit Run stream valley through the heart of McLean from the Potomac River at Chain Bridge to Virginia Route 7 near Tysons Corner, (2) has been a proposed trail in the Fairfax County Master Trail Plan since the 1980s, and (3) represents a significant recreational asset for the residents of McLean and Fairfax County; and

Whereas, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has the responsibility and authority for planning, construction oversight, completion and the long-term maintenance of the PRT, and has identified the Old Dominion/Brookhaven section of the Pimmit Run Trail as the critical, unfinished section of the PRT; and

Whereas, the FCPA conducted a Scoping Study from November 2002 to March 2003 for construction of this critical section, and subsequently prepared an action order for consideration and approval of the project scope by the FCPA Board on May 14, 2003; and

Whereas, the proposed action order has not been implemented; and

Whereas, in late 2003 the FCPA identified that the only alternative route for this segment of the trail would be a vacant, floodplain lot owned by Dominion Hills Development LLC (DHDLLC) with whom preliminary discussions were then begun in 2004 regarding a potential land swap with FCPA, but no further action was taken; and

Whereas, the FCPA has a stated goal of opening 25 miles of new trails in 2006 and 2007, and completion of this critical segment of the PRT by the end of 2007 could lead to the opening of 3.75 miles of new, continuous trail of the PRT; and

Whereas, \$129,000 in Evans Farm proffer funding was allocated by the Dranesville Supervisor in 2000 for building the PRT; now therefore

Be it resolved, that the McLean Citizens Association urges the FCPA to take the necessary actions to resolve the easement issues at the Old Dominion end of this trail segment; and

Be it further and finally resolved, that the McLean Citizens Association urges the FCPA to take all actions needed to construct and complete the Old Dominion/Brookhaven section of the PRT in 2006/2007 as a top priority.

Distribution:

Supervisor Joan DuBois; Board of Supervisors; Kevin Fay; Michael Kane, Director FCPA; FCPA Board.

The EP&R Committee has decided to defer consideration of the above Resolution until the local HOA has been brought up-to-date in the matter.

REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dan DuVal made a presentation to the MPC. McLean does not have any projects in the Bond issue.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

No report.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Desmond B. O'Rourke, Recording Secretary