

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, March 4, 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (6)

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

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Whit Ayres	Franklin Area	Absent
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Absent (Excused)
Gregg Hagedorn	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Present
Philip Mento	Salona.....	Present
Ken Nunnenkamp	The Reserve	Absent (Excused)
James Phelps	Lemon Road	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association.....	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks.....	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Present
Tom Stoll	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association.....	Present
(Nominee not confirmed)	Hallcrest Heights.....	
Milt Whitfield	Lynwood.....	Absent (Excused)
Robert Wrede	Evermay Community Association.....	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Rob Bates	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Malcolm Butler	Absent (Excused)
Rekha Nadkarni	Present
Chris Cole	Absent (Excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Bob Jordan/FCFCA	Absent (Excused)
Margaret Malone	Present
Dale Murad	Present
Theodore Smith	Present
Jim Turner	Present
Susan Turner	Absent (Excused)
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Joseph L. Gibson.....	Supervisor Foust's Office	Dan Alcorn.....	Transportation Co-Chair
Jack Wuerker.....	Transportation Co-Chair	Brian Trompeter.....	Sun Gazette

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 Minutes of the MCA Board meeting of February 4, 2009 were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION					
TREASURER'S REPORT					
				3-Mar-09	
Checking Account					
Beginning Balance	1/30/09				16,611.09
Additions	2/20/2009	Deposit	Member Dues	7,700.00	
Total - Additions					7,700.00
Total					24,311.09
Deduct					
	2/16/2009	Check # 1074	S. Horn - Stamps & Post Box	106.79	
	2/16/2009	Check # 1075	LetterCom Mailing	1691.39	
	2/28/2009	Check # 1076	J. Mietus - Budget Comm Xerox	18.90	
	2/28/2009	Check # 1077	W. Denk - Staples Chk. Stamp	19.67	
Total - Deducts					1,836.75
Checking Balance					22,474.34
Certificates of Deposit					
3000102773	APY 2.5%			5,444.36	
3000102774	APY 2.5%			5,427.81	
3000103064	APY 3.5%			5,603.17	
CD Total Current Value					16,475.34
Net Worth (Checking + CDs)					38,949.68
Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.					
Respectfully submitted, William J. Denk, Treasurer					

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Jackson announced that the MCA list of intersections/roadways in the McLean area that may require spot improvements and sent to the attention of VDOT by Senator Janet Howell came in at 1,789 out of 8,000 on a VDOT list. The MCA Board approved the list at its meeting 2/6/2008, over a year ago.

In the unforeseen absence of the treasurer, Pres. Jackson gave the gist of the above treasurer's report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

No Resolution.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

**McLean Citizens Association
FY 2010 Fairfax County School Budget Resolution
March 4, 2009**

WHEREAS the School Board of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has proposed a FY 2010 School Operating Budget of about \$2.2 billion, a reduction of about \$10 million or about .5% under the FY 2009 approved budget, and about \$74 million or 3.2% under the FY 2009 estimated budget; and

WHEREAS total students for FY 2010 are expected to be about 174,400 versus about 169,900 in FY 2009, an increase of about 2.6%; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget includes a class size increase of 0.5; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget includes no pay increase for teachers and other staff; and

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

WHEREAS there is a desire to avoid increases in residential property taxes especially considering the difficult fiscal environment; and

WHEREAS approval of the proposed budget would result in a county transfer increase of about 3.5%; and the Fairfax County Executive has proposed a zero increase in the county transfer for a difference of about \$57 million; and

WHEREAS FCPS receive proffers from real estate developers that are grossly 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the McLean Citizens Association that:

We support the proposed increase in the county transfer to the extent feasible in terms of overall county budget needs, subject to a possible increase received from the federal stimulus program. If there is a reduction in the increase in actual student enrollment from what is projected in the budget, there should be an adjustment downward in the county transfer for related cost savings.

We request FCPS to ask the Virginia Legislature to allow the FY 2010 school year to be shortened to below the 180 day current state minimum as an emergency measure in light of the current fiscal situation by ending the school year earlier in June, to the extent FCPS deems necessary to have a class size increase of no more than 0.5 for the 2009-2010 school year.

We urge the BOS and the School Board to take required steps to increase the proffer for schools to a level that more appropriately recovers forward-looking costs incurred due to additional students from new developments.

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The Resolution was introduced by Ed Saperstein and was passed with one opposed (Phil Mento).

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution
T-Mobile Wireless Antenna
FS-D08-039
March 4, 2008**

Whereas T-Mobile has submitted an application pursuant to Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia; and,

Whereas this application would permit a telecommunications antenna at Wesley Methodist Church at 6817 Dean Drive, Tax Map 030-4 ((1)) 0026; and,

Whereas the wireless antenna would be mounted inside a steeple; and,

Whereas the existing 39-foot steeple would be replaced with a similarly shaped 51-foot steeple to accommodate the antenna panels; and,

Whereas, by concealing the antenna within an existing steeple, the 2232 application has been designated a 'feature shown' in accordance with Objective 44 of the Comprehensive Plan; and,

Whereas the installation of this antenna would enhance T-Mobile's coverage in the local area,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the T-Mobile 2232 application.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner
Joseph Gibson, Staff
Edward L. Donahue, Esq.
Fairfax County Planning Commission

The Resolution, which due to a Planning Commission meeting had been approved by the Executive Committee in advance of the MCA meeting, was for information only and was described by Mark Zetts.

McLean Citizens Association Resolution
Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Amendment
Regarding Mini-Warehousing Establishments in the PDC District
March 4, 2008

Whereas the subject Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) proposes to allow mini-warehousing establishments in the Planned Development Commercial (PDC) district as a permitted secondary use; and

Whereas the mini-warehousing establishment use in the PDC would be subject to specified use limitations to reduce the visual impacts, limit intensity, require good vehicle circulation and adequate parking, and ensure the use would be harmonious with neighboring properties; and

Whereas further use limitations and conditions may be imposed by the Board when approving the development plan or Special Exception; and

Whereas a mini-warehousing establishment use in a PDC district would be subject to a public hearing facilitating public overview and comment; and

Whereas adoption of this ZOA would allow the implementation of land use recommendations in the McLean Community Business Center (CBC) Comprehensive Plan which contemplates a personal storage use on two parcels in Subarea 20 of the CBC between Beverly Road and Old Chain Bridge Rd,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the ZOA permitting a mini-warehousing establishment as a secondary use in the PDC district; and

Be it further resolved that the McLean Citizens Association offers the following changes in order to make the mini-warehouse use more fully compatible with neighboring uses:

1. All loading and unloading shall be completely screened from public view and have no adverse impact on neighboring uses. All other activity associated with the use shall be conducted within a completely enclosed, multiple story structure.
2. No individual storage bay door shall be visible from the outside of the storage structure or through windows.
3. There shall be no incidental parking or storage of trucks and/or moving vans on site.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner
Joseph Gibson, Staff
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Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

A proposed storage facility between Beverly and Old Chain Bridge roads that would entail amending the countywide zoning ordinance was discussed. It is a low impact development for personal storage. All activities will be conducted within the building. "If the amendment is approved, the landowner will draw up a site plan and apply to have the land rezoned." – Mike DiCicco in the McLean Connection.

The motion passed with 2 opposed (Robertson, Zetts) and 3 abstentions (Crandall, Stoll, Malone).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE

GREATER TYSONS CITIZENS COALITION (GTCC) and MCA Tysons Liaison Committee

Monthly Report for February 2009

The Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC), including the MCA Tysons Liaison Committee, continued to follow the activities surrounding the replanning of Tysons Corner throughout the month of February. The Fairfax County Planning Commission's 5-member Tysons Committee continued their deliberate and meticulous review of the Vision Statement provided by the Tysons Land Use Task Force (Task Force) and inputs from the general public. The Tysons Committee, chaired by Commissioner Walter Alcorn, has also been listening to various concerns of the county agencies during the past three months. They have been very fair in weighing all of these inputs and giving all parties an opportunity to speak and participate in their hearings.

In early February, the county staff provided the first draft, or strawman, of the Comprehensive Plan for Tysons. It was immediately placed on a county website for all to comment. This strawman has many incomplete sections and staff has annotated it with numerous editorial comments indicating they were waiting for the completion of various studies, most importantly the transportation analysis. The drafting committee of the Task Force under George Barker immediately initiated its review of the strawman and compiled a list of Comp Plan areas that differ from their submitted vision for the high density growth at Tysons. The drafting committee's comments were scheduled to be submitted to county staff last week. It is not clear whether that task was accomplished.

Concurrently, GTCC volunteers divided the 186-page draft Comp Plan into several major sections and conducted its own review. Our comments focused on concern for the surrounding communities and a phasing of the development within Tysons so that it would not out grow the infrastructure. We then organized and consolidated the various inputs and submitted it to the Planning Commission for its consideration.

However, the biggest news of the month was the report on 21 February of the traffic studies conducted by the county's transportation consultant. The subsequent analysis by the county transportation planning staff validated our worst fears that the amount of growth recommended by the Task Force far exceeded both the existing and the planned transportation infrastructure. In these studies, the consultants assumed the majority of the transportation improvements proposed by the Task Force were constructed and operational – despite the fact that they are almost certainly too expensive to complete in the next twenty years. The assumptions included HOT Lanes completion, 4 new interchanges on the Dulles Toll Road and Beltway, plus many miles of new local roads within Tysons. The only proposed improvements that are not included were the grade changes at International Drive and #123 and International and # 7, because it was believed they would be more handicap than help. Even with these assumed improvements, the studies showed the local road network surrounding Tysons would reach saturation by the year 2030 if just 10 million additional square feet of new development were added. This equates to a maximum development of 83 million square feet. Tysons currently has 45 million square feet and the Task Force's recommendation would allow as much as 220 million square feet if all the density bonuses were awarded. By 2030, if Tysons were built out to 83 million square feet, the Beltway would be at capacity with 50% of the traffic attributed to regional traffic and 50% being generated from Tysons.

In the coming weeks, county staff will be updating the Comp Plan to reflect the results of these traffic studies. Later this Spring, a study of several local intersections will be conducted to see how they will be impacted by increased development in Tysons. Results of this study will be taken into account by the Planning Commission when making its final recommendations.

The GTCC has recently issued a few press releases in an effort to make the public aware of these results. We continue to support growth in the Tysons area, providing that it does not out grow the infrastructure, most especially the roadway network. We appreciate the thoroughness and openness of the Planning Commission in this process, and we will continue to follow and participate, as we seek to protect our surrounding residential communities.

— Edward E. Alexander

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

At their February meeting, the committee discussed the McLean Professional Park (MPP) violations, including the destruction of trees and the partial demolition of the brick wall fronting the property. The owner has since withdrawn his APR nomination to allow retail in MPP. See MCA Minutes of February.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

No Report.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

No report

MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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