

# McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes, March 5, 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	Absent (Excused)
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present

### **DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)**

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Absent (Excused)
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association	Absent (Excused)
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Germaine Broussard	McLean Commons	Absent
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	Absent (Excused)
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	Present
Renee 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	Absent (Excused)
Robin Bates	Present
Tom Brock	Absent (Excused)
Malcolm Butler	Present
Alison Campbell	Present
Chris Cole	Absent (Excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Absent (Excused)
Bob Jordan/FCFCA	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Chris Monek	Absent
Dale Murad	Absent (Excused)
Jim Turner	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

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

Dan Alcorn	Transportation Co-Chair	Joseph L. Gibson	Supervisor Foust's Office
Irv Auerbach	Lewinsville Coalition	Monty Tayloe	The Times
Aranya Tomseth	The Connection	Brian Trompeter	Sun Gazette

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. at McLean Community Center's Community Hall (sections B & C).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Jackson reported that MCA participation in the recently established Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) will ensure that the principles of the MCA Resolution (see MCA Minutes of March, 2007) are not violated. Letters will be sent to the BOS and the Task Force insisting that the development in Tysons does not outweigh the infrastructure. The GTCC will meet with Supervisors, and hopefully with Clark Tyler, Chairman of TLUTF. President Jackson asked Bud Freeman to monitor whatever GTCC proposes to ensure that it does not pose a conflict with MCA positions.

President Jackson announced the urgent need to appoint a Budget and Taxation Committee Chair and Co-Chair to take advantage of Supervisor Foust's plans to revive processes for more citizen involvement in the budget process. This is a key step toward the more open government that the MCA has been championing.

President Jackson excused Trish Butler, who intended to speak about the MCF fundraising project.

President Jackson introduced Jack Wuerker, new Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

President Jackson announced there would be a fundraiser at the Kilberg home as a first step in setting up the Vincent Callahan Fund, aimed at improving the environmental quality of McLean.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors' meeting of February 2007 were approved as amended.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bill Denk stated that about \$2,500 has been spent on printing costs and signage for the March 6 Town Hall Forum.

[Treasurer's report to be inserted]

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

President Jackson announced the formation of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) to represent the shared concerns of citizens and community leaders as Fairfax County considers plans to urbanize Tysons Corner. See Tysons Corner Liaison Committee below.

The following extract is from a letter from President Jackson about the March 6 Town Hall Forum at the Community Center on March 6 was distributed to area homeowners associations:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In just a few months, our Board of Supervisors will receive a final report from the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, a 36-member Task Force that they commissioned in 2005 to make recommendations on how to foster the economic vitality of Tysons Corner in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Task Force's mission is six-fold: to promote more mixed use, to better facilitate transit-oriented development, to enhance pedestrian connections throughout Tysons, to increase residential density; to

improve the functionality of Tysons; and to provide for amenities and aesthetics in Tysons, such as public spaces, public arts, and parks. Some key assumptions in the planning are that metrorail will come to the area and that both residential and commercial density will increase.

Because what happens in Tysons affects us all directly, the McLean Citizens Association invites all residents of McLean, Great Falls, Vienna and the greater Northern Virginia area to a Town Hall Forum at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 6 at the McLean Community Center to discuss the implementation and infrastructure issues associated with "urbanizing" Tysons Corner. Community leaders and County personnel will share insights on the options under consideration; their impact on the local economy, transportation network, schools and infrastructure; and the timeline for decision by the Board of Supervisors. To learn more about what the urbanization of Tysons Corner may mean for you and to help shape that future, this is the meeting to attend. There will be ample time for citizen input.

Community leaders and County personnel who will be participating include: Former Dranesville Supervisor and Tysons Land Use Task Force member Stu Mendelsohn; Dranesville School Board representative Jane Strauss; Vienna Town Council member Laurie Genevro Cole; Chief of Policy and Plan Development, Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning, Sterling Wheeler; and Chair of the Providence District Council Charlie Hall.

Thank you. I hope to see you on March 6!

Rob Jackson

Vice President Steve DelBianco reported that an application for a \$5 M Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance has been completed and the policy will cost \$2,000 p.a.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

### **EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE**

## **McLean Citizens Association FY 2009 Fairfax County School Budget Resolution March 5, 2008**

**Whereas** the School Board of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has proposed a FY 2009 School Operating Budget of about \$2.3 billion, an increase of about 3.5% over the FY 2008 approved budget, and about 1.3% over the FY 2008 estimated budget; and

**Whereas** total students for FY 2009 are expected to be about 167,400 versus in FY 2008 it is about 166,600 for an increase of about 0.5%; and

**Whereas** total employees for FY 2009 are expected to decrease about 1.0%; and

**Whereas** the proposed budget includes a class size increase of 0.5; 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 burdensome residential property taxes; and

**Whereas** approval of the proposed budget would result in a county transfer increase of about 4%; and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has proposed a zero increase in the county transfer for a difference of about \$64 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:

1. We support the proposed increase in the county transfer to the extent feasible in terms of overall county budget needs.
2. In our tough budget environment where there is expected to be a reduction in needed resources for general education, we recommend that consideration be given to somewhat reducing the amount of increase in resources for special education.
3. 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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Jim Turner put forward a number of amendments aimed at greater transparency and against year-to-year increases in the FCSP School Budget. The proposed amendments were narrowly voted down.

The Resolution was approved with two abstentions (Jim Turner, Mark Zetts).

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

**McLean Citizens Association Draft Resolution  
NewPath Networks Distributed Antenna System  
2232-D07-13  
March 5, 2008**

**Whereas** NewPath Networks is seeking 2232 Review approval for a distributed antenna system (DAS) with AT&T Mobility as the first wireless carrier; and,

**Whereas** the DAS will be installed on a total of 11 utility poles located on Georgetown Pike, Old Dominion Drive, Spring Hill Road, Potomac River Road and Nethercliffe Hall Road; and,

**Whereas** these 11 utility poles will replace 11 existing utility poles and the replacement poles will be larger and taller in order to support the broadband antenna mounted at the top and one or more equipment boxes mounted 10 feet above the ground; and,

**Whereas** the height of the replacement utility poles, as measured from the top of the proposed antenna structure, will be 14 to 19 feet taller than the existing utility poles; and,

**Whereas** the DAS is carrier-neutral and the proposed 11-pole configuration is designed to accommodate multiple wireless providers by sharing the same antenna and adding an additional equipment box as needed; and,

**Whereas** the current wireless coverage in much of the northwest McLean area is poor, rendering cell phone usage unreliable; and

**Whereas** the existing Sprint/Nextel DAS cannot accommodate the operational requirements of AT&T Mobility, precluding co-location;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the McLean Citizens Association recommends that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors approve the 2232 Review.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor  
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner  
Joseph Gibson, Staff  
Hillorie Morrison, Network Building & Consulting  
Fairfax County Planning Commission  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Mark Zetts introduced the matter. A similar resolution has been approved by Great Falls Citizens Association. Eleven existing utility poles on Georgetown Pike will be replaced by wooden poles 14'-19' higher and include 7' antennae shared by telephone network providers. GFCA approved this as long as the carriers comply with County policy. Ten of the antennae will be in the McLean Planning District, one in Great Falls. Mobile telephone reception on Georgetown pike will be much improved.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution On a Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance  
Amendment Regarding Advertising on Public Transit Passenger Shelters  
February 27, 2008**

**Whereas**, the proposed zoning ordinance amendment (ZOA) will allow advertising on County owned bus shelters located outside of a Virginia Department of Transportation right-of-way (ROW); and,

**Whereas**, the revenue generated by such advertising will be used to pay for bus shelter installation, maintenance, cleaning, and an advertising program implemented by a private provider; and,

**Whereas**, the bus shelters purchased by the McLean Revitalization Corporation will be an attractive amenity in the community downtown McLean; and,

**Whereas**, the ZOA does not allow localities or home owner associations (HOA) the option to disapprove such advertising on bus shelters located within the locality or HOA property; and,

**Whereas**, the McLean Citizens Association has serious reservations concerning the aesthetics and potential safety problems associated with the posting of advertisements on bus shelters that are typically constructed of transparent paneling attached to a steel frame;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the MCA strongly recommends the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors reject this amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to allow advertising on County owned bus shelters located outside of the right-of-way unless there are provisions to allow localities and HOAs to opt out of the advertising program.

Mark Zetts introduced the Resolution. The bus shelters in question cost \$10,000 and are planned to be maintenance free. Right-of-way bus shelters may be on HOA property but they could end up being County owned and then be subject to advertising. Advertising defeats the aim of being maintenance free. Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue intends that there be sufficient opt-outs that advertising will not be permitted. The term Community Business Center (CBC) describes the locality where the Shelters are located. Already passed at Executive Board level, the Resolution was affirmed post hoc with one opposed (Rob Bates).

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

No resolution. Co-Chair Frank Crandall reported that the changes were expected in Fairfax County land management staff and would affect stormwater services, land acquisition, site inspections and stormwater planning. Hopefully better-trained staff will be appointed. At present, 36 inspectors try to keep track of violations County wide. Citizens are encouraged to report any violations they know of.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution. Dan Alcorn reported that the monthly meeting fully discussed Dulles Rail. The feeling of the Committee was to see what would be decided in the next two weeks and then decide on a response. The ramifications of the Virginia Supreme Court decision to deny spending authority to the unelected Northern Virginia Transport Authority were also reviewed by the Committee.

Dan Alcorn gave an interim report on the intersection/roadway problems in the McLean introduced at the February meeting.

### **TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Ted Alexander commented on the Mission Statement of Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) and amplified the earlier remarks of President Jackson. GTCC comprises citizens from communities around Tysons Corner – including McLean, Vienna and Providence – who want their voices heard and their concerns reflected in decisions that will forever change the region's character. Comments

on the Tysons Land Use Task Force may be sent to [linda.hollis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:linda.hollis@fairfaxcounty.gov) until March 10. For workshop materials go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/outreach/febworkshops.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/outreach/febworkshops.htm).

Mark Zetts, referring to the TLUTF's traffic study, said the results reported thus far are complex, difficult to interpret and do not provide a complete assessment of the traffic congestion we will be facing in 2030. We have not yet seen a full analysis of the modeling results and county DOT staff is just now starting their own analysis. We will have to wait until the county provides the assumptions and analysis data requested by Supervisor Foust.

### **MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Jim Turner announced that the public is cordially invited to attend one of two PUBLIC FORUMS to discuss future development of the area of McLean's Business District bordered by Old Dominion Drive, Chain Bridge Road, Beverly Road and Ingleside Avenue, the site identified as a possible future "Main Street" in the Comprehensive Plan. These sessions will take place at the McLean Community Center on Thursday, April 3rd, at 7 p.m. and on Friday, April 4th, at 9:30 a.m. A follow-up meeting summarizing the results of the first two sessions will be held Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m.

### **MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION**

No report. The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

### **FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**

Bob Jordan reported that two presentations were made at the February Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. The first, by representatives of Dominion Power presented their case for the proposed new transmission lines to serve Northern Virginia. The second, by representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, dealt with major transportation issues in Fairfax County including: Beltway Hot Lanes project, Dulles Rail Project, and traffic implications of the Ft. Belvoir Base Realignment. A concern acknowledged by the presenters that directly affects McLean is the recognition that insufficient attention has been paid to the potential for congestion at ingress/egress points for the hot lanes. The presenters asserted that they are trying to design these ingress/egress points to minimize congestion.

### **MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

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