

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, April 6, 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (6)

Rob Jackson	President.....	Present
Sally Horn	First Vice President.....	Absent (excused)
Darren Ewing	Second Vice President.....	Absent (excused)
William Denk	Treasurer.....	Present
Kerry Stackpole	Corresponding Secretary.....	Present
Nicki Watts	Recording Secretary.....	Absent (excused)

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

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

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Roshan Badii	Present
Tom Brock	Absent (excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Bill Crosby	Present
Don Finberg	Absent (excused)
Joe Gibson	Present
Usha Jairam	Present
Elizabeth Morton	Present
Dale Murad	Present
James Phelps	Present
Ted Smith	Present
Kathryn Woods	Present
Mark Zetts	Present
Vacancy	

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM at McLean Community Center’s Community Hall (sections B & C).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MCA Board meeting minutes for March 2, 2011 were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

2/3/2011 // 4/6/2011

(No checks written or deposits made since the February report)

<u>Checking Account</u>				
Beginning Balance	1/5/2011			18,648.92
		Deposit		
Additions	1/21/2011	Dues	\$30.00	
Total - Additions				<u>30.00</u>
Total				18,678.92
		Check #		
Deduct				
Total - Deducts				<u>0.00</u>
Checking Balance				18,678.92
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>				
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>17,004.60</u>
Net Worth (Checking/CD)				<u><u>35,683.52</u></u>

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 Nominating Committee was still soliciting nominations for five members. Nomination forms were distributed. MCA is still on the waiting list for McLean Day, which will be held May 21st. Volunteers would be required.

Pres. Jackson is serving on the Virginia redistricting advisory commission. In testimony before Sen. Howell and other representatives, he stated that McLean should be kept together as a community within a primarily Fairfax County district in order to best represent McLean's interests. Leslie Gelman also testified on behalf of the Lemon Road area, asking that her community not be split from McLean. Online comments and calls to representatives regarding the plans were encouraged.

The Reston Citizens Association adopted a resolution that supports the MCA Resolution for a 75/25 split on funding Tysons Corner expansion infrastructure.

STANDING COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

The committee met on March 8th and discussed HOT lanes. Chairman Jim Phelps reported that the owner of the Exxon station on Leesburg Pike had requested the committee's help regarding a new median, built under the aegis of MWAA, which is limiting customer access to station. The committee reached out to FCDOT which agreed to work on this matter.

The committee asked Congressman Frank Wolf to address Silver Line construction-related issues and he will keep the committee in the loop.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

No resolution.

Chairman Ed Saperstein said that the committee was reaching out to find allies in other parts of the state to support the recent MCA Resolution on giving schools more flexibility in choosing start dates. He also reported that Gov. McDonnell vetoed legislation requiring physical education classes which would have been an unfunded school mandate. Thomas Jefferson High School admissions stats were released and showed significant progress by Asian students. The School Board is holding hearings on discipline policy and the committee will monitor this as the review continues. The next committee meeting will be held on April 12th and the head of FCPS Special Education will attend.

BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE

Resolution on Fairfax County FY 2012 Advertised Budget

B&T offered a resolution on keeping the budget revenue neutral so that County taxpayers' bills on average would not increase. The tax rate would have to be lowered from an estimated \$1.09 per thousand of assessed value to about \$1.065. The resolution was approved by the MCA with one minor friendly amendment; Ed Saperstein was opposed, and Leslie Gelman and Elizabeth Morton abstained.

Committee Chair Ted Smith reported that the committee held two meetings in March.

The committee did further analysis on the county proposal to purchase the Covanta waste management plant. It was reported that the Board of Supervisors has decided not to support the plant purchase and favored a lease extension.

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution on
Fairfax County FY 2012 Advertised Budget
April 6, 2011**

Whereas the Board of Supervisors directed the County Executive to prepare a budget for FY 2012 that “considers the affordability of taxes for our residents and businesses and attempts to keep the taxes steady with FY 2011;” and,

Whereas county real estate taxes have increased over 100% since FY 2000 while inflation increased 36%; and,

Whereas the Advertised Budget now estimates a surplus revenue of \$35 million, which could pay for an approximate \$0.018 reduction in the RE tax rate and a \$80 saving to the average homeowner; and,

Whereas recent financial reverses and cost increases in basic necessities have eroded both working and retired family operating incomes, despite no cost-of-living or wage increases; now,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors be petitioned to decrease the RE tax rate for FY 2012 to an amount that will keep residential tax revenue at the same level that was received by the County in FY 2011; and,

Be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors direct an additional 1% (\$34 million) reduction in county disbursements to provide for “other priorities and unfunded initiatives cited in this budget” or saved for “the required contractually obligated \$20 million payment” or “upcoming critical needs” cited in the Citizen’s Guide to the Budget. Such a reduction should ideally come from administrative overhead functions and consulting contracts, and the Board of Supervisors should announce the priorities to which it is applied.

Copies to:

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
County Executive

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution on McLean Government Center and Police Station Renovation

Chairman Mark Zetts presented a resolution to support expansion of the McLean Government Center. Construction would begin in spring, 2012 and would be completed in summer, 2014. The expanded building would continue to house police and Dranesville district offices and would be adequate for needs until about 2030. Plans call for an 8’ security fence requiring county approval, a one-story brick design and landscaping. The plan would accommodate more police and visitor parking, and the soccer field leased to McLean Youth Soccer would move to the north. Neighbors are generally supportive of the plan, although there is concern about lighting. The resolution passed unanimously with no amendments.

P&Z has also been involved with the proposal for a 100’ bell tower on the church property at the corner of Kirby and Westmoreland. Neighbors are vehemently opposed to the tower. The committee has asked the applicant to look at options to the bell tower, including new, less intrusive designs.

McLean Citizens Association Resolution
McLean Government Center and Police Station Renovation
Tax Map 30-1 ((1)) 0033
2232-D10-024
April 6, 2011

Whereas the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) has filed a 2232 Review application to renovate and expand the McLean Government Center and Police Station; and,

Whereas the 6.37-acre property, located at 1437 Balls Hill Road, is owned by the Board of Supervisors; and,

Whereas the existing building comprises the McLean Police Station and the Dranesville Supervisor's office and, additionally, office space leased by the Board of Supervisors to the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas the site also contains a soccer field that is leased by the Board of Supervisors to McLean Youth Soccer; and,

Whereas the site further contains a public parking lot with 56 spaces, a limited-access parking lot with 111 spaces for police department use and a refueling station for county government vehicles; and,

Whereas since the building was last expanded in the mid-1980s, the McLean area has grown in population by 16% and is expect to grow another 20% by 2030; and,

Whereas the police station, which serves McLean, Tysons, and areas of Falls Church, Vienna and Great Falls, has considerably outgrown its floor space; and,

Whereas the proposed building expansion would add 17,600 square feet for a total of 39,200 square feet; and,

Whereas by shifting the soccer field to the north, the police parking lot would be expanded to 175 parking spaces and a modest redesign of the front parking lot would increase the number of public spaces to 62; and,

Whereas inadequate public parking has been a chronic problem at the government center due, in part, to the athletic field use and overflow parking from other nearby uses; and,

Whereas the expanded facility with its enlarged meeting rooms will create additional demand for public parking; and,

Whereas the proposed building expansion will accommodate the next 20 years of growth in the service area; now,

Therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the DPWES 2232 Review application; and,

Be it further resolved that the McLean Citizens Association requests that, upon completion of the renovation, a Facility Parking Policy be established to maximize the number of parking spaces available to the public.
Copies to:

John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner
Ben Wiles, Staff
Christopher Smith, DPWES
Fairfax County Planning Commission

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

Chairman Frank Crandall advised that the county Park Authority has announced the creation of an 8-person task force to represent different stakeholders in the development of Salona Master Plan. Margaret Malone, who has a background in landscape architecture, historic preservation and legislative affairs, will represent the MCA.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No resolution.

TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE

No resolution.

It was reported that the BOS has approved a resolution to have the county planning commission make recommendations on several follow-on motions to the Tysons Comp Plan, including funding and distance from TOD stations for walkers. Chairman Ted Alexander spoke with Supervisors Linda Smith and John Foust to express his confidence in the leadership role that Walt Alcorn will play in developing a funding plan, but said that the timing of the planning commission report is too close to the election. A meeting was held with members of The Tysons Partnership, and the committee is concerned that the MCA and civic representatives would be out-numbered by the nine landowners on the group's board. He said that the new walking study would need to be watched closely in light of the lobby to increase density beyond the ¼ mile high-density zone approved around metro stations.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Turner reported that the MPC had written to the Planning Commission to take issue with the Elm Street developer's proposal and their counsel's interpretation of the Comp Plan language. The plan calls for mixed-use development in this location; whereas, the applicant's proposal includes a parking lot on Elm Street. The committee is concerned that this area will ultimately become all condos.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Elizabeth Morton reported for the committee that the undergrounding project is going well, with a target start date of June 2012. The Pedestrian Task Force is raising funds for the intersection, and funding for four new gateway signs is also being sought. The committee is exploring possible sites for the county bike rack program. Additionally, the Pedestrian Task Force is holding its first McLean Walkabout on Saturday, April 9th along Pimmit Run.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

A meeting of the FCFCA board to discuss the county budget was attended by Joe Gibson and Mark Zetts. The position of the board was that the budget should be revenue-neutral, with no additional funds for the school system. At a membership meeting following that, a recommendation was made to add \$.01 to the tax rate for computers and full implementation of full-day kindergarten.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Pres Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The next MCA Board meeting will be held May 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Watts,
Recording Secretary