

# McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, April 7, 2010

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS (6)

Rob Jackson	President.....	Present
Michael Clancy	First Vice President.....	Present
Darren Ewing	Second Vice President.....	Present
William Denk	Treasurer.....	Present
Sally Horn	Corresponding Secretary.....	Present
Nicki Watts	Recording Secretary.....	Present

### DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc. ...	Present
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
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Present
Gregg Hagedorn	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Absent
Bob McMahan	Lemon Road.....	Present
Jack McMahan	Hallcrest Heights.....	Present
John Mealey III	McLean Hamlet .....	Present
George Parkins	Shouse Village Community Association .....	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association .....	Present
Suzanne Samuels (Seigel)	Langley Oaks.....	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms .....	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates .....	Present
Gary Soverow	Lynwood.....	Present
Kerry Stackpole	West Lewinsville Heights.....	Present
Robert Wrede	Evermay Community Association.....	Absent (Excused)
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights – Mt Daniel.....	Present

### AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Rob Bates	Absent (Excused)
Tom Brock	Absent (Excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Bill Crosby	Present
Don Finberg	Present
Robert Jordan	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Mark Milon	Absent (Excused)
Dale Murad	Present
Rekha Nadkarni	Absent
James Phelps	Present
Ted Smith	Absent
Jim Turner	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Barbara Comstock.....	Delegate	David H. Martin.....	Langley Oaks
Dan Alcorn.....	Transportation Committee	Bobbi Bowman.....	McLean EAR
Farrokh Alemi .....	MRC	Joe Gibson	

## 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 March 2, 2010 were approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The report for April is inserted below:

### McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

7-Apr-10

#### Checking Account

Beginning Balance	3/1/2010			<b>20,826.07</b>
		<b>Deposit</b>		
Additions	3/19/2010	Member Dues	\$1,255.00	
	4/3/2010	Member Dues	\$120.00	
Total - Additions				<u>1,375.00</u>
Total				<b>22,201.07</b>
Deduct		<b>Check #</b>		
	3/1/2010	1106 Bill Denk Xeroxing	7.56	
	3/19/2010	1107 Connection - Tysons Mtng Ad	207.00	
	3/19/2010	1108 Gazette - Tysons Mtng Ad	150.00	
	3/19/2010	1109 Lettercom - Nom./Winter Mail	2,307.68	
	3/19/2010	1110 Kwik Kopy Name and Flyer	90.95	
Total - Deducts				<u>2,763.19</u>
Checking Balance				<b>19,437.88</b>

#### Certificates of Deposit

3000102773	APY 2.2%	3/8/2010	5,572.55	
3000102774	APY 1.75%	3/2/2010	5,557.48	
3000103064	APY 1.0%	3/1/2010	5,745.21	
CD Total Current Value				<u><b>16,875.24</b></u>

#### Net Worth (Checking/CD)

**36,313.12**

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 requested approval of nominee Don Finberg to be co-chair of the Budget & Taxation Committee. Nomination was motioned and approved unanimously. Departing co-chair Bob Jordan was recognized and commended for his service.

Farrokh Alemi's nomination as MCA member-at-large was motioned and approved unanimously.

Sally Horn requested committee reports from chairmen for next MCA mailing.

Nicki Watts asked for volunteers to staff MCA booth on McLean Day.

Carol Herrick spoke on behalf of McLean's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year which will be celebrated Sat, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> at MCC. There will be food, activities, speakers and music to mark the occasion. Among the commemorative activities will be the enlargement and framing of 40+ old photographs which will be permanently displayed at MCC. After circulating a sample depiction, Carol requested a contribution from MCA to defray the cost of a professional logo created to represent the centennial. Pres Jackson agreed to consider and make a decision at a later date.

Delegate Barbara Comstock's attendance at the meeting was noted by Pres Jackson.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Ted Alexander gave an update on the proposed county budget. The property tax rate will likely not be raised. Any further changes should come out of hide rather than generating additional revenue. Careful consideration of should be given to the lodging tax. The schools need to take cuts along with everyone else. A nice note was received from Supervisor Foust on the committee's help with the budget.

### **EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE**

A resolution on class size was tabled in favor of writing a letter to seek the information on actual numbers.

The Teen Character Award will be given on McLean Day. The deadline for nominations is April 24<sup>th</sup>. The committee is soliciting teen candidates who have accomplished good things.

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

No resolution.

Frank Crandall has been trying to get county staff people who renovated the stream and trails in McLean Central Park to give briefing on the results and has a meeting set up in two weeks.

Committee is working with the National Park Service to get formal recognition of trails between Dead Run and Langley Fork Park which is part of the systems that goes all the way to Mt Vernon but funding

to accomplish the paperwork is problematic for NPS. Congressional delegation support for the effort is being sought.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

The committee had one case in March which was the likely rezoning request of 4 ½ acres along Linway Terrace and Mintwood Dr to build 13 homes. Lewis Alvarez is the developer. The current zoning is R2 which allows eight homes. The Brookhaven Association abuts the property. There was a good turnout from the community opposing the rezoning. There is concern that a bad precedent could be set for other neighborhoods if the rezoning is approved. There is an existing storm water issue there with frequent flooding. Any development would require a new paved road. The application has not been submitted yet.

Leslie Gelman gave an update on the rail yard zoning which has been approved. It requires that a communication committee be established and meet twice a year. It will be comprised of nearby homeowners and civic associations. She invited anyone interested in joining the committee to send her an email.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (“MCA”) RESOLUTION ON ROUTE 7 WIDENING ISSUES Adopted by the MCA Board April 7, 2010**

**WHEREAS** on November 18, 2009 the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) held a well attended public information meeting to discuss their plan to widen Route 7 from Rolling Holly Drive to Reston Avenue, and concerns were expressed by most citizens in attendance about the plan to construct a dual turn lane from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike and an immediate dual left turn lane from Georgetown Pike onto Seneca Road as part of the project, and

**WHEREAS** on December 14, 2009 elected officials representing McLean and Great Falls signed a letter to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation identifying issues and concerns that were raised in the November 18, 2009 meeting and otherwise by residents of the area, and calling for elimination of the dual turn lanes from the project, and

**WHEREAS** the MCA Transportation Committee met with Supervisor John Foust at its rescheduled meeting of March 1, 2010 to hear from him about Route 7 widening issues and obtain background information on the widening of Route 7 from Tysons Corner to the Loudoun County line, and

**WHEREAS** the MCA Transportation Committee has learned from the December 14, 2009 letter of our elected officials that, according to VDOT’s traffic analysis, widening Route 7 to three lanes in each direction from Tysons Corner to the Loudoun County line would take traffic off Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive by giving this traffic an alternative route to Tysons Corner and points beyond, and as a result would make the dual turn lanes from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike unnecessary, and

**WHEREAS** it would be desirable and for the benefit of residents of McLean to reduce the level of traffic on Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive, particularly during rush hours, and in light of the fact that costs of the widening project will be lower the sooner the project can be undertaken,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the McLean Citizens Association requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation and other government officials reconsider the plan to build dual turn lanes from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike and from Georgetown Pike onto Seneca Road, and instead pursue a plan to widen Route 7 to three lanes in each direction from Tysons Corner to the Loudoun County line, beginning from Tysons Corner and proceeding west.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the safety problem created by backups on the existing turn lane from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike should be addressed in some manner other than by building dual turn lanes at this intersection, such as lengthening the single turn lane and building a low riser to keep vehicles in this turn lane.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the McLean Citizens Association also requests state and local officials to consider transit options for Route 7 to and from Tysons Corner and Loudoun County as a means of reducing automobile traffic and providing transportation options. Transit options to be considered include bus or shuttle service, park and ride facilities feeding onto a bus service, or possibly other transit options.

Distribution:

Secretary Sean Connaughton  
Senator Janet Howell  
Delegate Barbara Comstock  
Chairman Sharon Bulova  
Supervisor John Foust  
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

Dan Alcorn was approached by Great Falls to support their position of opposing the double turn lane. The issue is more than just that intersection but goes all the way back to traffic coming from Tysons Corner so intent is to address comprehensively. Reconsideration of the double turn lane is recommended in favor of more lanes on Rt 7 which is consistent with Great Falls' resolution.

The resolution was motioned and passed as amended and adopted.

There is a proposal to change the northern terminus of the HOT Lanes on I-495 to extend it north of the Georgetown Pike which will mean no access there or from George Washington Parkway. MCA reaction is being solicited.

VDOT has come up with mechanism that will allow individuals and groups adopt public areas that need grass cutting. Supervisor Foust's office will have details on the permit process soon.

### **TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Walter Alcorn proposed to the Planning Commission Tysons Committee a study item to look into planning out to 2030 and development of 84 million square feet (MSF) rather than 2050 and 116 MSF. The task force wanted to look out to 2080 on density planning. All citizens were encouraged to participate in the 21 April meeting with the Planning Commission. An issue of major concern is implementation planning without public input, representation or public notice at meetings. Ted restated the need for phasing and triggers for each highway improvement, ie, must have enough funding before any work can start. Approval of triggers will require support of the Board of Supervisors.

### **MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

VDOT has approved the curb cuts for the McLean Professional Park. The older McDonald's property owner would like a bank to locate there. The committee is encouraging consolidation with nearby property which could be better used. Exxon is being assumed by new owner so pending easements which were close to being approved will be delayed.

**MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**

A resolution on the county budget by category is on the federation's web site. Bob Jordan is departing as the MCA representative and he encouraged MCA to continue to have representation. Volunteers to replace him were solicited.

**MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pres Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The next MCA Board meeting will be held May 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Watts  
Recording Secretary