

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes, May 2, 2007

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers (6)

Tom Brock	President	Present
Rob Jackson	First Vice President	Present
Jim Turner	Second Vice President	Present
William Denk	Treasurer	Absent (Excused)
Mark Zetts	Corresponding Secretary	Absent (Excused)
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (19)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Absent
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association	Present
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Absent (Excused)
Germaine Broussard	McLean Commons	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area Citizens Association; FCFCA	Present
Darren Ewing	Pimmit Hills Citizens Association	Present
Louis Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Lynn Bays Fuechsel	McLean County Estates	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford Community Association	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Absent (Excused)
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association	Present
Susan Turner	Summerwood	Absent (Excused)
Paul Wieland	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Absent (Excused)
Stephanie Weisbroth	West McLean Citizens Association	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Robin Bates	Present
Mike Clancy	Absent
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Donald Finberg	Present
Lawrence Glick	Absent
Stephen Keller	Absent
Margaret Malone	Present
Chris Monek	Absent (Excused)
Dale Murad	Present
Bob Nagle	Absent
Merrily Pierce	Present
Wade Smith	Present

Guests whose presence was recorded by signing in:

Rosemary Ryan	Dranesville District Supervisor's Office
Monty Taloe	The Times
Aranya Tomseth	The McLean Connection
Brian Trompeter	Sun Gazette

CALL TO ORDER

President Brock called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at McLean Community Center, Community Hall (sections B & C).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Brock announced that the MCA would occupy booth space 75. Booth is a good contact point. We need volunteers for setup 7:00 – 10:00 am, staffing 11:00 – 5:00, cleanup and loading up after 5:30 pm.

The MCA Annual Membership meeting and election of officers and board will take place May 24.

The meeting will be addressed on the subject of helicopter noise by Congressman Wolf's Chief of Staff, Transportation Expert and Representatives from the Federal Aviation Agency, Department of Defence and other agencies.

Clark Tyler, Chairman, Tysons Land Use Task Force, will deliver an update on redeveloping Tysons.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Brock urged the board members who belong to HOAs to circulate e-mail notices of the Annual Membership Meeting to their members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
May 3, 2007

Checking Account

Beginning Balance - May 31, 2006 (Reconciled)	3/30/07				16,329.00
Add:	3/10/2007	Deposit	Dues	405.00	
	4/21/2007	Deposit	Dues	480.00	
Total - Adds				<u>885.00</u>	
Deduct:					
	CHK	Lettercom Mailing		1,051.15	
	1026				
Total - Deducts					<u>1,051.15</u>
Ending Balance - 4/21/07					16,162.85

Certificates of Deposit

	APY				
3000102773	3.5%			5,129.14	
3000102774	5.29%			<u>5,066.00</u>	
	APY				
3000103064	4.75%			5,177.93	
					<u>15,373.07</u>

Net Worth

31,535.92

Checking account and certificates of deposit are at 1st Service Bank in McLean.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Denk
Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors' meeting of April 4 were approved as written.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Vice President Rob Jackson has been invited to attend a meeting of the Providence District Council on the topic of the county budget. Neighbors of that district are "in unofficial agreement with what the B & T Committee are doing.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

**MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
SE 2007-DR-003
Reformed Theological Seminary
Tax Maps 21-3 ((1)) 50, 50A 51, 53 and 21-3 ((15)) A1
May 2, 2007**

WHEREAS Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) is an accredited degree-granting institution providing graduate-level instruction in six cities in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and the Washington, DC area; and,

WHEREAS the Special Exception applicant, RTS, a lessee of the landowner, the McLean Presbyterian Church (MPC), proposes to hold religious courses on site for college credit; and,

WHEREAS RTS proposes to use existing space at MPC as follows: one classroom, two offices (for the Executive Director and for the Director of Admissions) and a library space housing approximately 10,000 volumes; and,

WHEREAS RTS proposes typical hours of operation as two evenings a week from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in addition to occasional classes Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; additional summer classes may be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for three to five consecutive days; and,

WHEREAS the number of classes and the class times listed in the RTS Spring and Fall class schedule reflect a more intense use than is proposed in the applicant's Special Exception justification; and,

WHEREAS RTS has been conducting classes at the Church since January 2007, and,

WHEREAS RTS employees will consist of two full-time and one part-time staff, a maximum of 33 full time equivalent students and an average class size of 15 students; and,

WHEREAS all classes are open for credit at no charge to MPC staff members and leadership and are open for audit at no charge to all MPC members; and,

WHEREAS the library is also open for use by all MPC members as well as RTS students; and, WHEREAS neighbors in the Heather Hill development across Balls Hill from MPC received no information from MPC/RTS on the specifics of the Special Exception request; and,

WHEREAS neighbors in the Heather Hill development expressed concerns about increased use at the Church; and,

WHEREAS prior category 3 Special Exceptions for college/university use at a church that have been approved by the Fairfax County Planning Commission contained development conditions that specified the maximum number of enrolled students, the maximum number of students and employees on site and the hours of operations; and

WHEREAS the maximum number of students and employees on site is not specified in the proposed Special Exception and the maximum number of enrolled students is specified in an ambiguous manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association recommends that the Planning Commission deny the college/university use Special Exception unless additional development conditions are incorporated that specify:

- 1) A maximum number of students on site of 35
- 2) Hours of operation for classes are 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays, except during the summer semester, when Monday through Friday class hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 3) All student and employee parking for the college/university shall be at the rear of the facility.
- 4) A contact person and telephone number of a church representative to receive notification of neighborhood questions or concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the above-mentioned development conditions be incorporated into the Special Exception permit, the MCA supports the proposed college/university use at the McLean Presbyterian Church and commends the McLean Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Theological Seminary for addressing these neighborhood concerns.

cc: Lynne J. Strobel, Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh PC
Hugh Welchel, McLean Presbyterian Church
Heather Hill Community
Joan DuBois, Dranesville District Supervisor
Nancy Hopkins, Dranesville District Planning Commissioner
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Michelle Meehan introduced the Resolution, which was unanimously approved as amended.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Frank Crandall reported that the EP&R Committee quarterly Report (January-March 2007) would be made available along with other committee reports at the Annual General Meeting.

Two matters will be discussed at the May 16 meeting of the committee: the planned expansion of Dolley Madison Library will be evaluated and a resolution produced epared together with the P & Z Committee. The question of helicopter noise will be addressed at the May 24 Annual General Meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GROWING SECRECY SURROUNDING THE DULLES RAIL PROJECT

May 2, 2007

WHEREAS recent news articles in the *Washington Post*, *Examiner* and other newspapers have described a growing atmosphere of secrecy surrounding recent deliberations by Virginia and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority over progress of the Dulles Rail Project, including the claim that the Airports Authority, which is intended to manage project, is not subject to either the federal or Virginia Freedom of Information Acts, and

WHEREAS the *Washington Post* reports on April 27, 2007 that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors met in secret session three times in recent weeks to discuss the Dulles Rail Project, and that some Board members and outside experts seriously question the legality of such secret meetings under Virginia's Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711, Code of Virginia, and

WHEREAS all of the money intended to be spent on this multi-billion dollar project is public money sought from (1) the federal government, (2) toll revenue from the Dulles Toll Road administered by the Airports Authority, a public body, (3) money appropriated by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and (4) proceeds of a special tax district created by Fairfax County, and

WHEREAS the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Sec. 2.2-3700 et. seq.) requires that all meetings of public bodies be conducted in open public session and that public records be open for public inspection unless specified narrow exceptions are met, in recognition that secrecy breeds public distrust of government bodies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association calls on the responsible public officials to open the process to public view.

- In the interests of maintaining public support, public officials should release the maximum amount of information about the project and ongoing deliberations, including discretionary releases of information that could otherwise be argued to fit within an exception to public release.
- The General Assembly should enact changes to the Virginia Public Private Transportation Act or other laws deemed to support excessive secrecy for this and similar projects.
- The Congress and/or the General Assembly should enact changes to statutes governing the Airports Authority to make it subject to open government laws if the Authority asserts the right to operate outside those laws.

Copies of the resolution shall be sent to the following:

Honorable Tim Kaine, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Honorable Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation
Honorable Frank C. Wolf
Honorable Tom Davis
Honorable Jim Moran
James E. Bennett, President and CEO MWAA
Mame Reiley, Chairman, MWAA
State Senator Janet D. Howell
State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites -Davis
State Delegate Vincent F. Callahan
State Delegate James M. Scott

State Delegate Stephen C. Shannon
David S. Ekern, Acting Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner
Matthew O. Tucker, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Honorable J. Douglas Koelemay, Commonwealth Transportation Board, Northern Virginia District
Katharine D. Ichter, Acting Director Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Richard Stevens, Fairfax County Project Manager - Dulles Rail Project
Jonathan Gaffney, VP, MWAA
Corey W. Hill, Director of Administration and Capital Projects, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Dennis C. Morrison, Northern Virginia District Administrator VDOT
Kevin B. Page, Director of Rail Transportation,
Providence District Council
Rosemary Ryan, Legislative Assistant
Nancy Hopkins, Planning Commissioner, Dranesville District
Ken Lawrence, Planning Commissioner, Providence District
Honorable Gerry Connolly, Chairman Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Honorable Joan Dubois, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Dranesville District
Honorable Catherine M. Hudgins, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Hunter Mill District
Honorable Linda Q. Smyth, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Providence
Tysons Land Use Task Force
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Resolution was approved as amended with one opposed (Darren Ewing) and one abstention (Merrily Pierce).

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

No report

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Turner reported that John Foust has resigned from MPC because he is running for Dranesville District Supervisor. As the MRC consists of four delegates and four alternates, the current need is for one delegate and four alternates. Mary Baker is the new MPC president.

A music school – Bach to Rock – has been proposed for the ground floor of the Palladium building.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan Duval reported that the Palladium building cash proffer will expire unless spent by end of 2008.

The permit for the bus shelter at the Old Firehouse will be ready in 5-6 weeks. The next bus shelter is proposed for McLean Square. New Revitalization Head Barbara Byron has facilitated the above.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

No report.

MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Brock thanked the outgoing Board for their work during the past year. He was especially grateful to the other members of the Executive Committee and to Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, all of whom made his job a lot easier. He adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Desmond B. O'Rourke
Recording Secretary