

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Final Minutes, July 11, 2007**

OFFICERS (6)

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

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (19)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Absent (Excused)
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association	Present
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Germaine Broussard	McLean Commons	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford Community Association	Absent (Excused)
Stephen Keller	Salona	Absent
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association	Absent (Excused)
Bob Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent (Excused)
Renee Simpson	West McLean	Present
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet	Absent
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association	Present
Ellen Todres	Hallcrest Heights	Present
Milt Whitfield	Lynwood	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (15)

Robin Bates	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Malcolm Butler	Absent (Excused)
Allison Campbell	Present
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Absent (Excused)
Dan DuVal	Present
Donald Finberg	Present
Bob Jordan	Absent (Excused)
Margaret Malone	Present
Chris Monek	Present
Dale Murad	Present
Jim Turner	Present
Charlie Willmott	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose presence was recorded by signing in:

Rosemary Ryan	Dranesville District Supervisor's Office
Monty Taloe	The Times
Brian Trompeter	Sun Gazette
Irv Auerbach	

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors' meeting of June 6 were approved as amended (to indicate that At-large Director Alison Campbell was Present at the June 6 meeting).

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's Report, as Bill Denk was absent (excused)

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Jackson reported assignments for committee chairs and MCA representatives:

Bob Jordan will be MCA's representative to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Ed Saperstein and Chris Cole as co-chairs of the Education & Youth Committee

Chris Monek as chair of Budget & Tax Committee

Dan Alcorn as chair of Transportation Committee

Mark Zetts and Dale Murad as co-chairs of Planning & Zoning Committee

Frank Crandall and Charlie Willmott as co-chairs of Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee

President Rob Jackson reported that Chris Monek and Dan Alcorn are actively seeking replacement chairs of their respective committees and urged board members to consider assuming these roles.

Rob Jackson reported receipt of letter from Supervisor Dubois regarding elevated rail.

Rob Jackson reported receipt of letter from Clark Tyler of Tysons Corner Task Force.

Rob Jackson reported a letter sent from MCA to Pierce Homer regarding verification of traffic/transit studies.

Rob Jackson reported on exchange of information with the Great Falls Citizens Association.

Darren Ewing commented on Tysons Tunnell Town Hall meeting in relation to Supervisor Dubois' letter to MCA.

Irv Auerbach reminded board members to attend Tysons Task Force Workshops to be held July 16, 17, and 18. Some discussion followed.

Irv Auerbach offered copies of the MCA Anthology of Local Histories for \$10.

STANDING COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dan Alcorn introduced a resolution regarding transit systems to support Metro Silver Line extension. Robin Bates explained the resolution and answered questions.

The resolution was moved by Dan Alcorn and seconded by Germaine Broussard.

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Resolution on Adequate Supporting Transit for Phase 1 of the Dulles Metro Line July 11, 2007

Whereas the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) has expressed its qualified support for the extension of Metrorail from East Falls Church Metro Station through Tysons Corner (the "Silver Line") to Reston, most recently in a Resolution dated March 7, 2007; and

Whereas that support was qualified by a number of conditions, including the protection and enhancement of the quality of life in neighborhoods adjacent to and surrounding Tysons Corner, the execution of an open and verified traffic and ridership analysis (to avoid overburdening the road networks into, out of, and in areas surrounding Tysons Corner or the Metrorail system), linking any increases in densities over those provided in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan to areas within 1,600 feet walking distance of the rail platform entrances, ensuring that densities outside of those areas are no greater than those permitted by the 1994 Comprehensive Plan (as amended to date), requiring that any increase in density within or outside the 1,600 foot limit be implemented to avoid transportation degradation, protecting residential taxpayers from tax increases to fund any costs of the rail project, withholding the granting of occupancy permits for any buildings developed with increased Floor Area Ratios (FARs) which are permitted under the then-current Comprehensive Plan, due to proximity to rail stations, until the rail system is operational; and

Whereas Fairfax County has adopted a policy of encouraging "Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) with focused growth near certain planned and existing rail transit stations as a way to create opportunities for compact pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, neighborhood centers accessible to transit" (Amendment No. 2003 P-09 to the Policy Plan (2003 edition), adopted March 12, 2007); and TOD is already being implemented or will soon be implemented around the Dunn Loring and Vienna Metro Stations; and

Whereas the four proposed Metro Stations along the section of the Silver Line between the proposed Tysons East and Tysons West stations, in conjunction with the existing Metro Stations at Dunn Loring, Vienna, East Falls Church and West Falls Church, will work satisfactorily in the public interest only if the majority of passengers walk, bike and take other Supporting Transit rather than drive to those stations; and

Whereas Supporting Transit is defined to include all public transport that will pick up passengers at, and transport them to, designated stops in neighborhoods adjacent to, and surrounding, Tysons Corner, with regularly scheduled service, including conventional bus service, Bus Rapid Transport (BRT), and shuttle bus service; and

Whereas the additional auto traffic being generated in the McLean area by expansion of federal facilities in McLean that are not a part of the county planning process magnifies the need to provide adequate Supporting Transit to the surrounding neighborhoods; and

Whereas a failure to achieve adequately the objectives of TOD and the desired result of enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods adjacent to and surrounding Tysons Corner, as noted above, will further overburden road networks and cause serious harm to the public interest; and

Whereas the goal of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is to reach a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Phase 1 in early 2008, start project construction in spring 2008 and begin Silver Line service to Wiehle Avenue (in Reston) in 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association strongly urges

- the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and staff, the Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and other public officials to give the highest priority to ensuring, in a coordinated

manner, that the necessary Supporting Transit for the Silver Line be designed and costed no later than one year after final plans for the Silver Line are approved by the FTA;

- the design and costing of Supporting Transit take into account, and provide documentation for, any capacity issues for both the Metrorail system and the roads and highways that would arise at times of peak use by the Supporting Transit;

- that a formal process be established to seek and incorporate citizen input to the design and costing of Supporting Transit, especially the need for frequent and reliable service, taking full advantage of the positive technical and financial features of shuttle buses (such as lower cost and greater flexibility than conventional buses), with routes that provide effective coverage within the Tysons Corner area, as well as to and from the existing and proposed Metro stations in Fairfax County;

- that the funding mechanisms for the Supporting Transit be determined and made public no later than two years after final plans for the Silver Line are approved by the FTA;

- that residential taxpayers be protected to the maximum extent possible from tax increases to fund any subsidies required for Supporting Transit, e.g., by requiring developers who will benefit from the higher densities likely to be permitted under TOD and the updated TCC Comprehensive Plan to include sufficient proffers in their rezoning requests to help fund Supporting Transit (including BRT and shuttles), to reflect the higher profits that they can anticipate from TOD and the commissioning of the Silver Line;

- that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors employ all available legal means to ensure a better coordination of shuttle services within the Tysons Corner area, currently provided privately by hotels, companies etc., so that such shuttle services can be used by the public to the maximum extent possible and included as part of the design of the Supporting Transit system;

- that the Governor of Virginia, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and other appropriate agencies and officials investigate urgently the possible use of road pricing measures, both as an incentive to citizens to use Supporting Transit to enter and a deterrent to motorists to drive into the Tysons Corner area, e.g., by reconfiguring the toll plazas and the toll structure at the access points to the Tysons Corner area from the Dulles Toll Road; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the McLean Citizens Association that, in the event that the Supporting Transit necessary to sustain the planned Silver Line deployment in a manner that does not overburden road networks cannot itself be put into service and/or funded in quantities and qualities necessary, appropriate adjustments be made to the Silver Line's planned commissioning dates, related land use changes and deferral of the granting of occupancy permits, to ensure balance between the Supporting Transit and the revised Silver Line commissioning.

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 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, Director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Richard Stevens, Fairfax County Project Manager - Dulles Rail Project
Jonathan Gaffney, VP, MWA
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
Sterling Wheeler (County staff of the Tysons Land Use Task Force)
Linda Hollis (County staff of the Tysons Land Use Task Force)
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Co-chair Chris Monek announced that the committee planned a meeting for July 24.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Committee co-chair Mark Zetts introduced a resolution regarding expansion of the Potomac School. The resolution was moved by Mark Zetts and seconded by Bud Freeman.

MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

The Potomac School

SEA 95-D-0097-5

July 11, 2007

Whereas, The Potomac School, located at 1301 Potomac School Road, operates under Special Exception 85-D-097 as a private school of general education for grades K through 12, and

Whereas, the last special exception amendment, 85-D-097-4, approved in July 2003, authorized expansion of the school facilities and an increase in enrollment to 1075 students subject to specific development conditions related to traffic, and

Whereas, The Potomac School purchased 3 adjacent parcels in 2004 and 2006, Tax Maps 31-1 ((1)) 10A, 10B and 10C, comprising 7.03 acres, and

Whereas, The Potomac School now seeks approval for a special exception amendment (SEA 85-D-097-5) that would incorporate these newly acquired parcels into the SEA site, and

Whereas, the applicant proposes to better incorporate these parcels into the campus by adjusting the siting and size of previously approved buildings, accessory use structures and

facilities that have not yet been built, without increasing the total gross floor area of the site, and

Whereas, three temporary trailers will be utilized for classrooms during construction, and

Whereas, the applicant further proposes to build 25 dwelling units on-site that will be owned by the school and leased to faculty, staff and employees, and

Whereas, the proposed SEA does not seek an increase in student enrollment above the approved maximum of 1075, and

Whereas, the applicant continues to provide traffic counts twice a semester and the proposed SEA will result in no additional traffic impact; and

Whereas, the applicant has worked diligently with the Evermay community to communicate the nature and scope of the proposed SEA and to gain the community's support, and

Whereas, the proposed SEA includes new trails and a Pimmit Run Stream crossing to meet the applicant's requirements, but does not address the requirements of the County Master Trail Plan for the Pimmit Run Stream Valley Trail,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports The Potomac School special exception amendment application provided that the applicant complies with the County Master Trail Plan easement requirements for the Pimmit Run Stream Valley Trail,

And, be it further resolved that the McLean Citizens Association commends The Potomac School for its continued outreach to the Evermay community.

cc: Gregory Riegle, McGuireWoods LLP
Joanna Frizzell, McGuireWoods LLP
The Potomac School
Evermay Community Association
Joan DuBois, Dranesville District Supervisor
Nancy Hopkins, Dranesville District Planning Commissioner
Fairfax County Planning Commission
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The resolution was unanimously approved as amended, with Don Borcharding abstaining.

Co-chair Dale Murad reported that he re-sent the previously-approved MCA resolution on portable storage containers to the Planning Commission, who was considering the issue at its next meeting.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-chair Charlie Willmott reported that the EP&R Committee would submit another grant request to improve McLean Park. Ed Pickens would open the Pimmit Run Stream Valley Trail in mid-August.

Charlie reported on July 10 meeting at Supervisor Dubois' office to discuss the proposed expansion of Dolley Madison Library. Another meeting is planned for week of July 23.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

No report.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan Duval reported continuing work on Main Street project; benches at bus stop by August; and Palladium Building proffers.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Steve DelBianco reported that the new Federation president is Jeff Parnes of Sully district. Jeff is now seeking Steve's replacement as board member and chair of the Land Use Committee, and Steve encouraged MCA P&Z members to consider the post.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret Malone reported on resolution in Virginia House of Delegates (HJR 762) honoring McLean resident Robert Taylor Andrews.

Dan Duval reported that George Lilly's wife had passed away.

Tom Brock commented on a recent Washington Post article which included a quote from Susan Turner that was critical of Chairman Connolly. Susan replied that she had commented as an individual citizen and that the reporter misattributed her remarks to an MCA officer.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve DelBianco, first vice president