

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, September 3, 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (6)

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

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Whit Ayres	Franklin Area	Absent
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association.....	Absent
Donald Borcherding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Absent (Excused)
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Absent (Excused)
Philip Mento	Salona.....	Present
Ken Nunnenkamp	The Reserve	Present
James Phelps	Lemon Road	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association.....	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent (Excused)
Suzanne Seigel	Langley Oaks.....	Present
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Absent (Excused)
Tom Stoll	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association.....	Present
Ellen Todres	Hallcrest Heights.....	Present
Milt Whitfield	Lynwood.....	Absent (Excused)

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Rob Bates	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Malcolm Butler	Absent
Alison Campbell	Absent
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Bob Jordan/FCFCA	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Dale Murad	Present
Theodore Smith	Present
Jim Turner	Present
Susan Turner	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Dan Alcorn.....	Transportation Co-Chair	Mike DeCicco	Connection Newspapers
Joseph L. Gibson.....	Supervisor Foust's Office	Cheryl Patten.....	Supervisor Foust's Office
Monty Tayloe.....	The Times	Brian Trompeter.....	Sun Gazette
Marcie Newsburger.....	Fair Grade	Louise Epstein	Fair Grade

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 Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors' meeting of July 2, 2008 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Jackson stated that the balance in the account is ~\$35,000.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pres. Jackson proposed that the fall MCA Membership Meeting would be October 23 at McLean Community Center. Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project spokesperson Marcia McAllister is expected to talk about proposed metro stations. The I-495 HOT Lanes project may also be part of the agenda.

Pres. Jackson announced that Green Choice\$ - McLean-Great Falls Energy Forum will take place at the MCC October 7 from 7:00-9:30. The speakers will include Delegate Margi Vanderhye (34th District) and a representative of the Sierra Club.

MCA Director Tom Brock gave an update on the proposed MCF name change from McLean Citizens Foundation to McLean Community Foundation. MCF must first consider amending their Articles of Association and Bylaws. The first opportunity to do so will be at their membership meeting in May 2009. If the membership decides to accept the name change, MCF will then bring the proposal to the MCA for its approval.

GUEST SPEAKER

Pres. Jackson introduced urban planner Fred Selden, Director of the Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning, Fairfax County. Mr. Selden told of the reasoning behind inviting George Mason University to draw up a regional transportation analysis. Planning horizons for undertakings which the Tysons Land Use Task Force (TLUTF) faces are 20-30 years, or 20-40 years. Growth projected for the region plus facilities that can accommodate that growth take that long to implement. Current housing in the area is 300,000 units, and it is 80% single family housing. GMU's Stephen Fuller has already done forecasts for Fairfax Co. He understands regional growth in Fairfax and Loudon counties. TLUTF sees a bonus to having housing in Tysons, but there is a cap on this.

TLUTF recommendations are broad – not at area or subarea levels. GMU is looking at a revised plan for a variety of time spans: 20, 30 and 40 years. The value of forecasting is that you can then look at the impact. The farther out you go the more variables there are. Future systems cannot be assessed using today's constraints.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCG) evaluates regional transportation systems. The county is not seeking to change the regional forecast, but is looking at information saying that Tysons will capture more jobs, for example. MWCG sees things in the context of regional growth. The type of office accommodation will depend on demand – there has been an increase recently in the demand for security – security-conscious firms need secure areas – which is not so for residential areas in general. An impact analysis will follow the September 22 presentation by TLUTF. The area wide text will be refined and put in a draft plan suitable for public hearings.

President Jackson thanked Mr. Selden for his outline of the planning process

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Following the decision of Supervisor Foust to set up a budget task force and involve MCA in budget and taxation issues, Jim Turner and Ted Smith volunteered to offer input from MCA.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association
Fairfax County School Grading Policy Resolution

WHEREAS Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is reviewing its grading policy; and

WHEREAS under the current FCPS grading policy an A is 94% and above (and given 4.0 points), a B+ is 90% to 93% (and given 3.5 points), a B is 84% to 89% (and given 3.0 points), a C+ is 80% to 83% (and given 2.5 points), a C is 74% to 79% (and given 2.0 points), a D+ is 70% to 73% (and given 1.5 points), a D is 64% to 69% (and given 1.0 point), and a F is below 64% (and given 0 points); and

WHEREAS the current FCPS policy provides an extra 0.5 points for each AP/IB class taken and no extra points for each Honors class taken; and

WHEREAS a number of colleges use grade point cut-offs for college admissions, merit-based scholarships, and admission to honors programs; and

WHEREAS FAIRGRADE has brought this issue to the MCA's attention; and

WHEREAS FCPS is actively considering whether modifications to the grading point system would assist our students for college admissions, merit-based scholarships, and admission to college honors programs; and

WHEREAS although Fauquier County grants an A at the same 94% threshold as FCPS, a number of our other neighboring school districts grant an A at a lower threshold (e.g.; Arlington County, Falls Church and Montgomery County start at 90% while Loudoun and Prince William Counties start at 93%) with some of these districts having corresponding lower thresholds for lower marks; and

WHEREAS these neighboring school districts appear to provide extra points of 0.7 or 1.0 for each AP/IB class taken (versus 0.5 in FCPS), and some school districts provide an extra weight for Honors classes but some don't; and

WHEREAS MCA wants to preserve the quality and rigor in our FCPS schools; and

WHEREAS MCA wishes not to disadvantage our FCPS students so long as helping some students doesn't hurt other students; and

WHEREAS MCA is concerned that a straight 10 point scale, with no plus or minus, could disadvantage some students at the higher end of each of the scales, and also could put a lot of pressure on both the students and teachers where a student appears to be just below the cut off for the higher grade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the McLean Citizens Association that:

We request that FCPS consider changing to a 10 point scale but one with plus and minus. The attached is one possibility of a grading scale given solely for illustration purposes.

We request that FCPS consider increasing the additional points for each AP/IB class taken, and examine whether there should be an extra weighting for Honors classes taken.

Distribute to
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Ed Saperstein introduced a resolution about the fair grading of students in Fair County. After serious discussion, and a presentation by Louise Epstein of Fair Grade, amendments to the resolution, as proposed by Sally Horn were accepted as friendly by Ed Saperstein, and it was passed unanimously.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Frank Crandall reported excellent progress on aircraft noise abatement. Most senior pilots of airlines operating out of National airport have taken a stand, and the FAA has accepted the feasibility of electronic navigation systems that will make it easier for pilots to track the river. Tom Stoll and Jane Greenstein took issue with this interpretation as they have found aircraft to be in default by flying over the McLean area.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association Resolution NewPath Networks Distributed Antenna System 2232-D8-08 September 3, 2008

Whereas, NewPath Networks is seeking 2232 Review approval to add two wireless antennas to a previously approved distributed antenna system (DAS) with AT&T Mobility as the first wireless carrier, and

Whereas, these two additional antennas would be located at 8702 and 8801 Georgetown Pike providing coverage around Difficult Run Stream Valley Park and Great Falls National Park, and

Whereas, the previously approved DAS, comprising 11 utility poles located generally along Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive, specifically omitted these two antenna locations under the assumption that existing cell towers in the area could be utilized, and

Whereas, it was later determined that co-locations on the existing cell towers were not feasible because either the stealth design would not accommodate additional antennas or there was insufficient height, and

Whereas, it was further determined DAS technology could sufficiently address this gap in wireless coverage in the Difficult Run stream valley, and

Whereas, one of the proposed antennas will be mounted on an existing traffic sign pole which will be replaced with a 25-foot pole, and

Whereas, the location of the second antenna currently has two utility poles, 20-foot and 30-

foot tall, which will be replaced with a single utility pole 48 feet in height, and
Whereas, each antenna pole will have an equipment box mounted 10 feet above the ground,
and

Whereas, the addition of the two proposed antennas completes the DAS coverage along
Georgetown Pike in the McLean Planning Area and offers the flexibility of accommodating
multiple wireless providers by sharing the same antenna,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association recommends that the
Planning Commission 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

Mark Zetts introduced the resolution as part of the final antennas to be installed in the McLean
Planning Area. The benefit of the new technology is that any new carriers will have to use the existing
antennas.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Dan Alcorn referred to Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer's response to the concerns
raised earlier among the public regarding spot improvements needed on local roads. Senator Janet
Howell forwarded the list to VDOT and Sec. Homer says VDOT is aware of the issues and is looking at
them. A report will be prepared in 4-6 weeks.

TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chairman Ted Alexander reported that TLUTF will meet September 8. Recent attempts to meet and
discuss with Chairman Clark Tyler have not met with success. He ventured the opinion that whatever
TLUTF reveals in its plans, the BOS will not be ready to act because the Planning Commission must
first act on any proposals.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Turner reported that MPC is looking for a place to keep records. It needs a volunteer from MCA to
help in this endeavor.

Two more 'McLean Standard' type bus shelters are to be installed soon, one near the corner of Chain
Bridge Road and Dolley Madison Blvd at the SunTrust Bank; the other at the Lutheran Church at Chain
Bridge and Westmoreland.

Local realtors, Mark and Lyn McFadden recently purchased the property at 1470 Ingleside Avenue,
McLean. Their intention is to turn this residential property, zoned R-3, into a one- person office for
administering a percentage of their business.

Regarding that plan, Mr. Stuart Mendelsohn of Holland-Knight, representing the McFaddens, presented
the case for a "Special Exception Application" allowing this use. Discussion of this issue proved to be
lively. Thus, a subcommittee consisting of Dian Schum, Jim Peoples, Jim Boylan, and Rich Salopek
was appointed.

A motion passed to approach the four principal organizations of the MPC regarding annual dues of \$100 per organization.

There was no new information to report from the Main Street, McLean Crest, and McLean Professional Park subcommittees.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan DuVal reported that the median strip on Chain Bridge Road next to McLean Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has been snagged on grading issues that are not the contractor's fault. These will soon be rectified. New bus shelters have now been erected at three locations in the downtown area.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

No report.

MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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