

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors**

Final Minutes October 5, 2005

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers (6)

Susan Turner	President	Present
Dan DuVal	First Vice President	Present
Jim Turner	Second Vice President	Present
Germaine Broussard	Treasurer	Absent
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present
Mark Zetts	Corresponding Secretary	Absent (excused)

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Herb Becker	Franklin Area Citizens Assoc.	Absent
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Assoc.	Present
Valerie Brown	Saigon Citizens Assoc.	Present
William Denk	El Nido Civic Assoc.	Present
John Foust	Timberly South HOA	Absent (excused)
Louis Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Lynn Bays Fuechsel	McLean County Estates	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterfield	Present
Stephen Keller	Salona Village HOA	Present
Brad Macomber	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Jody Marshall	West McLean Citizens Assoc.	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Assoc.	Present
Patricia Mroz	Evermay Community Assoc.	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Assoc.	Absent (excused)
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Assoc.	Present
Judith Stahl	Lewinsville Square HOA	Absent
Paul Wieland	McLean Hamlet Citizens Assoc.	Present
Carleen Wood-Thomas	Ellison Heights – Mt.Daniel Civic Assoc.	Absent (excused)

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (13)

Robin Bates	Present
Mike Clancy	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
John Duffy	Absent
Donald Finberg	Absent (excused)
Ira (Jim) Hunt	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Thomas (Tom) Moore	Present
Dale Murad	Present
Ed Saperstein	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Sally Simms	Present
Wade Smith	Present

Guests, whose presence was recorded by signing in or public recognition, were as follows:

Rob Jackson

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Rosemary Ryan
 Aranya Tomseth
 Brian Trompeter
 Beverly Crawford

Supervisor's Office
 The Connection
 Sun Gazette
 McLean Times

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Turner announced a Regular membership Meeting to be held Monday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in McLean HS Lecture Hall. The theme of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will be addressed by Alan Hoffman, founding principal of a San Diego planning firm specializing in strategies for transportation and urban development and Peter Midgley, a recognized international expert in urban transportation, currently advising the Chinese government on environmentally sustainable urban transport issues.

President Turner drew attention to a new display case in the Community Center, originated by MCF and Merrily Pierce, and built by Jim Turner and Mark Zetts. She will welcome suggestions for items or photographs of MCA activities to be displayed in the case.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 7 meeting were taken as read and were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION						
TREASURER'S REPORT						
November 3, 2005						
Checking Account						
Beginning Balance - August 31, 2005 (Reconciled)						
						12,360.10
Add:						
	9/1/2005		Dues		480.00	
	9/7/2005		Dues		315.00	
	9/12/2005		CD	Not rolled	2,933.38	
	10/31/2005		Dues		45.00	
						3,293.38
Deduct:						
	9/5/2005		Treasurer of VA	Reg	(35.00)	
	9/7/2005		Susan Turner	Copies Sept Mtg	(50.00)	
	9/30/2005		Sun Trust	Check Enclosure Fee	(2.00)	
	10/25/2005	322	Ffx Co Fed Citiz. Assoc	Membership	(60.00)	
	10/31/2005		Sun Trust	Check Enclosure Fee	(2.00)	(114.00)
Ending Balance - October 31, 2005 (Unreconciled)						15,539.48
Certificates of Deposit						
#8718627	APY 1.49%		6 mos - matures 8/14/05		8,192.88	
						0.00
Net Worth						15,539.48
Footnote: Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SunTrust Bank in McLean.						

Respectfully submitted,
 Germaine Broussard, Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association Resolution 2005 Bond Referendum

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has placed a single bond issue on the ballot for referendum on November 8, 2005, and

WHEREAS, this bond issue would raise \$246,325,000, less \$1,399,000 for the cost of issuance, for construction (\$32.8 M), renovation (\$177 M), and infrastructure maintenance (\$35 M) for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); and

WHEREAS, \$11 M would be allocated for the renovation of Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean, with \$15 M allocated for the renovation of nearby Great Falls Elementary School and \$2 M allocated for planning future renovations to George C. Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, \$18 M would be used for upgrading FCPS' technology network, which is used for both instruction and internal administration; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance of infrastructure components, such as roofs, boilers and air conditioning, can help extend the useful life of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, FCPS proposes to allocate \$3.8 M for the purchase of modular classroom buildings (not trailers), for the expansion of classrooms, including in-building restroom facilities, in two locations and that, according to FCPS, "can be installed in half the time and realize a 50 to 60 percent cost savings over conventional structures"; and

WHEREAS, issuance of these bonds would not directly result in any increase in the real estate tax rate nor jeopardize the County's Triple-A credit rating, which is the highest rating possible for a local government's debt; and

WHEREAS, much of the need for additional classroom space, including new schools, is derived from new real estate developments; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County is not permitted by state law to collect impact fees for public schools for all new construction, but is permitted by law to extract cash proffers for public schools for every residential rezoning request sufficient to recover the costs for additional public infrastructure to support such new construction; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County's target cash proffer for public schools of \$7000 per home is generally regarded as being well below the FCPS' actual capital costs for obtaining new classroom space and is substantially below what both Stafford (\$15 K) and Loudon (\$16 K) Counties were obtaining in 2001,¹

WHEREAS, had Fairfax County collected cash proffers for schools that either recovered FCPS' actual capital costs for obtaining new classroom space or, at least, matched the proffer targets sought by Stafford and Loudoun Counties in 2001, either this bond issue could be lower or more capital projects could be funded sooner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MCA:

¹ <http://www.renewinc.org/press/pr13.html>

- 1) Forcefully expresses its continued dismay that Fairfax County has failed to obtain sufficient cash proffers from real estate developers to meet the capital needs of FCPS caused by these developers' projects, which, in turn, has forced taxpayers to shoulder more of FCPS' capital costs;
- 2) Strongly urges the Board of Supervisor to adopt fully compensatory cash proffer targets for FCPS this year and in the future; and
- 3) Supports the approval of the bond issue, as proposed, but believes it could have been smaller had the County obtained sufficient cash proffers from developers.

Distribution:

Each member of the Board of Supervisors
 The County Executive
 Each member of the School Board
 Each member the Planning Commission
 Senator Janet Howell
 Delegate Vince Callahan
 Delegate Jim Scott
 All local and regional news organizations
 MCA Website

The Resolution was accepted with changes (as above).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No resolution.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association

Resolution Regarding a Stormwater Management Problem

Whereas, in the fall of 2001 the owners of the property located at 1321 Macbeth Street, McLean, Virginia, built two 12-inch high stone walls along both sides of their property that extended from the rear property line all the way to the sidewalk in front of their home, and

Whereas, the owners maintained that the walls were nothing more than structures that marked the side boundaries of their property, and

Whereas, the adjoining property at 1319 Macbeth Street is at a higher elevation (uphill), resulting in downhill blockage by the wall of normal runoff of stormwater flow that has caused considerable soil erosion problems, and

Whereas, the owners of the adjoining property at 1319 Macbeth Street contacted the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Division regarding the situation, and

Whereas, on June 13, 2005 the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Division issued a Notice of Violation of Paragraph 1 of Section 2-602 of the Zoning Ordinance to the owners of the property at 1321 Macbeth Street, and

Whereas, the cited Zoning Ordinance reads as follows: "2-602 Drainage, Floodplains, Wetlands and Resource Protection Areas.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sect. 601 above, no building shall be erected on any land and no change shall be made in the existing contours of any land, including any change in the course, width or elevation of any natural or other drainage channel, in any manner that will obstruct, interfere with, or change the drainage of such land, taking into account land development that may take place in the vicinity under the provisions of this Ordinance, without providing adequate drainage in connection therewith as determined by the Director in accordance with the provisions of the Public Facilities Manual.", and

Whereas, the owners of the property at 1321 Macbeth Street filed an appeal with the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), and

Whereas, the BZA public hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 11, 2005, now therefore

Be it resolved, that the McLean Citizens Association fully supports the action of the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Division in issuing the Notice of Violation and recommends that the BZA deny the appeal of the owners of the property at 1321 Macbeth Street.

Be it further resolved, that the McLean Citizens Association requests the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Division to use all necessary measures to require prompt modification or removal of said wall and restoration of the natural drainage contours as specified in Section 2-602 of the ZO.

Distribution:

Board of Zoning Appeals
Board of Supervisors
Planning Commission
Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Wetlands Board
McLean Connection
McLean Times
Sun Gazette
Washington Post

The Resolution passed unchanged with one opposed (Stephen Keller).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Report of the Transportation Committee for October, 2005

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, the MCA Transportation Committee will consider a proposed recommendation with respect to limiting truck traffic on Georgetown Pike.

It will discuss with Bill Vincent of the Bus Rapid Transit Policy Center the possibility of using bus rapid transit on the Beltway hot lanes. For background, see the BRT discussion at <http://www.gobrt.org/VirginiaHOTLanes.html>.

Paul Wieland will make a presentation with respect to the McLean Hamlet Dulles Road-Spring Hill

Road bus stop controversy.

On November 29, 2005, the Transportation Committee will participate in a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee on proposed changes to the Tysons Corner Center.

Submitted by Bill Byrnes,
Chairman

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

No resolution.

REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

TASK FORCE FOR TYSONS

Wade Smith, a representative on the Task Force for Tysons, said the Committee comprises all the stakeholders, four of whom are from Dranesville. County has commissioned a Transportation Study and the stage has been reached when action should be taken. Proceedings can be accessed online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/>. Meetings take place at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, with the exception of 10/10 when meeting will be at McLean Govt. Center.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Turner reported that the discussion at the recent meeting was routine in nature. Rosemary Ryan added that the Palladium development (in center of McLean) is due to be taken over by its owners this month. There is a problem with power utility boxes on private property. Issue about lighting.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan Duval reported that MRC has money available from bond. MPC and MRC are working together (pedestrian safety, undergrounding of power lines, development of parking).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Crandall announced a meeting to present a Draft Report at the Middle Potomac Watersheds Community Workshop at Longfellow Middle School, 2000 Westmoreland Street, November 1, 2005, 7:00-9:15 p.m. Workshop, sponsored by Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division, will affect five community streams: Pimmit Run, Turkey Run, Dead Run, Scotts Run & Bull Neck run watersheds.

ADJOURNMENT

President Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Desmond B. O'Rourke
Recording Secretary