

# McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, October 6, 2010

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS (6)

|                 |                              |                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Rob Jackson     | President.....               | Present          |
| Sally Horn      | First Vice President.....    | Present          |
| Darren Ewing    | Second Vice President.....   | Present          |
| William Denk    | Treasurer.....               | Present          |
| Kerry Stackpole | Corresponding Secretary..... | Absent (Excused) |
| Nicki Watts     | Recording Secretary.....     | Absent (Excused) |

### DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

|                          |   |                  |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| John Adams               | Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc. .... | Present          |
| Ted Alexander            | Westberry HOA .....                         | Present          |
| Donald Borcharding       | Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association .....   | Present          |
| Chris Cole               | Marlborough-Nantucket.....                  | Present          |
| Steve DelBianco          | Franklin Area .....                         | Absent (Excused) |
| Louis (Bud) Freeman      | McLean House North Council .....            | Present          |
| Leslie Gelman            | Lemon Road.....                             | Present          |
| Jane Greenstein          | Chesterford HOA.....                        | Present          |
| Gregg Hagedorn           | Greenway Heights Civic Association.....     | Present          |
| Jack McMahan             | Hallcrest Heights.....                      | Present          |
| John Mealey III          | McLean Hamlet .....                         | Present          |
| George Parkins           | Shouse Village Community Association .....  | Absent (Excused) |
| James A. Robertson       | Evans Mill Pond Owners Association .....    | Present          |
| Suzanne Samuels (Seigel) | Langley Oaks.....                           | Present          |
| Ed Saperstein            | Glen Haven Farms .....                      | Absent (Excused) |
| John Schaefer            | McLean Broyhill Estates .....               | Present          |
| Gary Soverow             | Lynwood HOA .....                           | Absent (Excused) |
| Jim Turner               | McLean Hunt HOA .....                       | Present          |
| Robert Wrede             | Evermay Community Association.....          | Present          |
| David Wuehrmann          | Ellison Heights – Mt Daniel.....            | Present          |

### AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Farrokh Alemi    | Present |
| Roshan Badii     | Present |
| Tom Brock        | Present |
| Frank Crandall   | Present |
| Bill Crosby      | Present |
| Don Finberg      | Present |
| Joe Gibson       | Present |
| Usha Jairam      | Present |
| Elizabeth Morton | Present |
| Dale Murad       | Present |
| James Phelps     | Present |
| Ted Smith        | Present |
| Kathryn Woods    | Present |
| Mark Zetts       | Present |

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Bobbi Bowman.....The McLean Ear

**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 MCA Board meeting minutes for September 1, 2010 were approved as amended.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bill Dent reported that MCA submitted documents to the IRS two months ago to meet a requirement that non-profits under \$25,000 be actively registered with the IRS in order for dues to be deducted.

The report for October is inserted below:

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

6-Oct-10

**Checking Account**

|                   |          |                |                              |                  |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 9/1/2010 |                |                              | <b>18,878.82</b> |
|                   |          | <b>Deposit</b> |                              |                  |
| Additions         |          |                |                              |                  |
| Total - Additions |          |                |                              | <u>0.00</u>      |
| Total             |          |                |                              | <b>18,878.82</b> |
| Deduct            |          | <b>Check #</b> |                              |                  |
|                   |          | 1118           | State Corporation Commission | \$35.00          |
| Total - Deducts   |          |                |                              | <u>35.00</u>     |
| Checking Balance  |          |                |                              | <b>18,843.82</b> |

**Certificates of Deposit**

|                        |           |           |                         |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 3000102773             | APY 2.2%  | 7/6/2010  | 5,612.96                |
| 3000102774             | APY 1.25% | 5/24/2010 | 5,557.48                |
| 3000103064             | APY 1.0%  | 7/1/2010  | 5,764.12                |
| CD Total Current Value |           |           | <u><b>16,934.56</b></u> |

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>Net Worth</u></b>     |                         |
| <b><u>(Checking/CD)</u></b> | <u><b>35,778.38</b></u> |

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 announced that the Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at the McLean Community Center. MWAA and Fairfax Co. will discuss the Silver Line, including design, access and parking, The County task force on pedestrian/bike access will also attend. He urged Board members to bring friends, and advised that Kerry Stackpole will send a mailing out regarding the meeting.

Sally Horn reported that the MCA has been making web page updates. She requested that Committee Chairs send her updates for the website, and asked for recommendations on how to make the site timelier.

President Jackson invited Bob Hahne, a member of the Rotary Club, to speak on behalf of Stop Hunger Now, an intergenerational community-wide effort to provide 100,000 meals to feed the hungry. Mr. Hahne said that they are seeking \$25,000 in local funding and 500 volunteers to give two hours of their time for the event, which is being held on Nov. 6 at the Redeemer Church in McLean. The goal is to make this a more frequent event. The MCA EC will distribute a copy of the event flyer to Board Members.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Jim Phelps reported that the committee had a meeting on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at which they received a report on the HOT lanes.

### **EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Chris Cole reported on behalf of Ed Saperstein that the Back to School Nights was almost completed. He said that a representative of FCPS will attend the committee's October meeting.

### **BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Ted Smith said that the Dranesville Budget Task Force has had two meetings. The talk force is concerned about the growing size of the FCPS teaching staff and will take a hard look at this in making budget recommendations. The committee will also challenge the traffic pattern formula that the County

is using to determine the public share of funding the Tyson's infrastructure (paying for 35% of through and 50% of local traffic), and he will report back to the MCA.

Don Finberg provided an update on the "water wars" between Falls Church City and Fairfax Water. On Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Virginia Supreme Court will decide whether to hear an appeal by Falls Church City of an earlier ruling that the City's \$2.2 million surplus was an "unconstitutional extra-territorial tax" on users. If that fails, he said that Falls Church is considering an appeal to the US Supreme Court. Supervisor Sharon Bulova had agreed that the BOS should look into this matter, and Supervisor Foust asked Fairfax Water to study it; however, the water company believes this is a county policy issue. More information is available on the Fairfax Water website.

Pres Jackson asked the committee to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the urgent matter of sewer rates, a change that would greatly affect residents in McLean 22102 and Great Falls. Supervisor Foust is concerned about the equity of having people assume full costs and the BOS will discuss this at its Oct 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. B&T accepted this charge.

Sally Horn said that discussion on the MCC budget surplus has been postponed, but asked for a brief summary. At issue is what should be done with the MCC's \$12 million surplus; among the options are expanding the center or refunding taxpayers.

Bill Denk asked B&T to look into the \$30 million Jobs for Education bill. He reported that Loudon County is not accepting the federal funds, and there is concern in Fairfax County that using the money to create more teachers' jobs would create a recurring expense. B&T agreed to reach out to Supervisor Foust's office to determine the timeline for the County's decision and to coordinate an MCA response with Ed Saperstein.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Mark Zetts discussed several proposals heard by the P&Z Committee. At a meeting with the applicant of a proposed development of 49 townhouses and a garage at Fleetwood and Elm Street, P&Z advised that it would not support the proposed parking structure along Elm. P&Z raised questions about whether there would be recreational facilities for residents and whether apartment or condominiums might be better suited for the property. The applicant has formally submitted a zoning request to the County, but the application has not yet been accepted.

Dominion Virginia Power met to discuss its proposed power sub-station at the West Falls Church Metro yard, which would serve the Silver Line and residences in the East McLean area. The power company is required to find the best site and has looked at 13 locations. While the committee said that it understands the power company's reason for choosing this site, members raised serious concerns about the impact on neighboring residents. P&Z requested that the transformers be rearranged to make them less visible. The committee also asked that the landscaping Dominion offered to plant in homeowners' yards to screen them be maintained in perpetuity by the power company. The Dominion attorney will ask the applicant to consider these development conditions.

Milestone Communications' proposal to put a 120' cell tower on the grounds of Longfellow School met with strong opposition at a well-attended meeting held earlier at the school. In the face of this opposition and despite receiving letters from others in the community in favor of the tower, the School's principal decided to revoke the school's permission for the tower. P&Z reported that Milestone plans to take a couple of months off before taking next steps, although it was noted that the current application on file with the County continues to name a nearby church as the site of record – a location that has

also generated community opposition.

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

No resolution.

Frank Crandall showed a Bicycle Map that the County has published. It can be purchased for \$2.00, and those interested in buying a copy might check the County Maps Room.

He reported that the Deer Management Program has done better than expected given budget shortfalls. A wildlife biologist has been hired and the program has acquired a replacement for another staffer. The Archery Program, which was instituted in residential neighborhoods as part of the deer control effort, has received favorable initial reports.

On the matter of aircraft noise, he said that things are slowly moving forward. He attended a meeting set up by members of the Arlington Board and the Mt. Vernon District to address noise over the Potomac River and surrounding areas from flights in and out of National Airport. In particular, there has been a problem with low-flying helicopter noise. A new RNAV system to guide pilots along the river should help to mitigate the problem; it is expected to become operational in May, 2011.

A meeting was held with staff from the office of Congressman Moran, chair of the appropriations sub-committee that funds the National Park Service. This is part of an effort to line up support from the three district Congressmen to address the trail system along the Potomac River. Congressman's Wolf's staffers have also been helpful, but they advised that funding is difficult. A meeting with Gerry Connolly's staff is being sought.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Farrokh Alemi advised that the committee will email all MCA board members within two weeks and ask them to identify people who might join MCA. A letter will be sent to the potential members from Rob Jackson.

Membership revenues are flat from a year ago.

## **TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Ted Alexander reported that the County is preparing proposals for zoning changes. He said that most of the meetings with developers and the County have been closed, but the TCLC is continuing to seek new information on this matter.

TCLC is particularly concerned that the BOS has not yet defined the financial approach to Tyson's or the implementation plan. The committee held a 3-hour meeting with the Greater Tyson's Citizens' Coalition and Len Wales, Assistant Director in the County Dept. of Management and Budget. Len Wales educated the group on bond issues. Mr. Wales reviewed the list of potential funding options provided by Barbara Bryon. This included a proposal to pay for the more than \$400 M public share of Tyson's-wide road infrastructure through an incremental tax of \$.01 per \$100 of assessed value.

Supervisor Foust has advised that the BOS is close to a final compromise on the public/private funding formula for Tyson's – a 55/45 split. The MCA strongly supports a 25/75 (public/private) split comparable to the Route 28 funding. In addition to the public cost of transportation, MCA is concerned about other major infrastructure needs related to Tyson's such as sewage. The committee will pursue all of these issues. The next task force meeting will be Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the MCC.

### **MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

No resolution.

Jim Turner commented further on the townhouse development and garage being proposed for the site at Elm and Fleetwood. He noted that the McLean's Comprehensive Plan described the North Village – and especially Elm Street – as an office/commercial area with some mixed use. If the current proposal is allowed, the MPC believes that McLean would miss the chance create a more vibrant downtown that would attract young people to live there. MPC would like to see mixed use with residential and commercial development in this area.

### **MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION**

Dan Duval reported that Chain Bridge Bank, which owns leases to a wine and gourmet store, would like to take over that space. There is concern at MRC and MPC that this will harm McLean's retail environment. Steps are being taken to see what could be done, including reviewing proffers and discussing lease extensions.

MRC is seeking sources of grants to implement the Pedestrian Task Force recommendations to improve the intersection of Old Dominion and Chain Bridge. These improvements could make at the same time as power lines in that area are moved underground.

### **FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**

Joe Gibson attended the assn's Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The group addressed the issues of low attendance, dues payment, and its annual legislative agenda. The legislative agenda will be the subject of the upcoming Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and new planks can be proposed for that meeting. He asked MCA committee chairs to review the current legislative agenda – which is posted on the FCFA website – and to consider and recommend additional new planks. It was also reported that Ed Saperstein has been appointed a committee chair by the FCFA.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pres Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m. The next MCA Board meeting will be held November 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Watts,  
Recording Secretary