

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, November 5, 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (6)

Rob Jackson	President.....	Present
Steve DelBianco	First Vice President.....	Absent (Excused)
Darren Ewing	Second Vice President.....	Present
William Denk	Treasurer.....	Present
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 (Excused)
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association.....	Absent (Excused)
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Absent (Excused)
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Absent (Excused)
Philip Mento	Salona.....	Absent (Excused)
Ken Nunnenkamp	The Reserve	Absent
James Phelps	Lemon Road	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association.....	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Absent (Excused)
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Suzanne Seigel	Langley Oaks.....	Absent
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Present
Tom Stoll	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association.....	Present
Ellen Todres	Hallcrest Heights.....	Present
Milt Whitfield	Lynwood.....	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

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

Guests whose attendance was recorded by recognition or signing in:

Dan Alcorn.....	Transportation Co-Chair	Joseph L. Gibson.....	Supervisor Foust's Office
Jack Wuerker.....	Transportation Co-Chair	Gregg Hagedorn.....	Greenway Heights Civic Assoc.
Monty Tayloe.....	The Times	Brian Trompeter.....	Sun Gazette

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 meeting of November 5, 2008 were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION					
TREASURER'S REPORT					
			5-Nov-08		
Checking Account					
Beginning Balance	9/30/08				17,660.02
Additions	10/18/2008	Deposit - Dues		120.00	
Total - Additions					120.00
Total					17,780.02
Deduct:		Check # 1068	Void (42.63) R. Jackson		
		Check # 1069	Lettcom - Meeting Mailing	917.02	
		Check # 1070	Kwik Kopy - Placards	42.63	
		Check # 1071	Kwik Kopy-Green Choices	382.73	
Total - Deducts					1,342.38
	11/5/2008				16,437.64
Certificates of Deposit					
3000102773	APY 2.5%			5,393.56	
3000102774	APY 2.5%			5,360.41	
3000103064	APY 3.5%			5,540.91	
					16,294.88
Net Worth					32,732.52
Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.					
Respectfully submitted,					
William J. Denk, Treasurer					

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pres. Jackson announced the resignation of Directors Alison Campbell and Michelle Meehan and thanked them for their service to the MCA over the last two years.

Stating that the Bylaws allow for the Executive Board to nominate replacements during the year, Pres. Jackson proposed in their stead Reka Nadkarni (McLean Hunt Area) and Gregg Hagedorn (Greenway Heights Civic Assoc.). The nominations were passed unanimously by the Board.

Pres. Jackson announced that the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce has invited the MCA to be part of the First Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, December 6.

Sally Horn asked if there had been outreach to minorities across the community for this event. Desmond O'Rourke was against involving the MCA in an event that could be seen as discriminatory toward religious minorities. Frank Crandall strongly opposed becoming involved. John Adams moved to defer a decision until we inquire of the Chamber whether all community groups have been made welcome. The motion was rejected. President offered to follow up the matter with the Chamber.

In connection with the HOT lanes project, VDOT and Fluor Corp. have asked for an MCA contact person. Jack Wuerker, Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee, had accepted to act as liaison.

Pres. Jackson reported that TysonsTunnel.org, in its effort to influence the Dulles Rail project would hold a meeting at the Sheraton Premiere on Route 7 December 12. He had been invited to speak for the MCA.

As part of his efforts to increase the effectiveness of the MCA and to work with other similar-minded organizations, Pres. Jackson has been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for 2009.

Supervisor Foust's Pedestrian Task Force has been requested to look at the community's business centers for safety at traffic intersections, bicycle access, and sidewalks where they don't exist. The following response to the MCA's list of problem intersections was received from VDOT 10/22/2008:

Re: McLean Citizen's Association list of problem intersections

Dear Senator Howell,

This is a follow-up response addressing the McLean Citizen's Association list of problem intersections. We have reviewed each item and enumerated our responses below:

1. Old Dominion Drive intersections:
 - a. Old Dominion Drive & Swinks Mill Road: There are several intersections in and around the Great Falls / McLean area which have acute angles that limit the right turn movements. One of these intersections, Balls Ford at Old Dominion Drive was recently modified to provide right turn lanes which greatly improve the turning radius. This work was done by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation with funding that they control. The cost of construction was approximately \$160,000, which took place on existing right of way. We agree that this type of improvement would be beneficial at the referenced location; however it requires not only construction funds, but also the acquisition of right-of-way from private landowners which could prove rather expensive. We would recommend that the FCDOT consider adding this location to their six-year plan.
 - b. Old Dominion Drive & Towlston Road: Same issues as above; recommend that FCDOT consider adding this location to their six-year plan.
 - c. Old Dominion Drive & Spring Hill Road: project is currently in design to improve turning radius for north bound right turn movement.
 - d. Old Dominion Drive & Kimberwicke Road / Bellview Place: requested that VDOT maintenance crews trim foliage at the Bellview Place intersection to improve line of sight for vehicles exiting this street. No significant sight distance issues noted at Kimberwicke Road intersection. Crash records for the past three years indicate no crashes at either location involving sight distance limitations.
2. Dolley Madison Boulevard & Waverly Way east bound left turn lane extension: project has been proposed to lengthen storage bay; awaiting funding.

3. Dolley Madison Boulevard & Ingleside Avenue safety review: A review of the crash data for this intersection reveals a number of angle-type crashes involving side street left and through movements conflicting with the main line through movements. Intersection warning signs will be considered for this location.
4. International Drive lane stripping issue: No indication of what section of roadway is area of concern; need further information.
5. Georgetown Pike & Clemyjontri Park safety review: Appropriate signage exists in advance of the pedestrian crossing and at the crosswalk itself. We are not aware of any recent VDOT studies in this area.
6. Dolley Madison Boulevard & Old Dominion Drive “do not block the box” sign request: VDOT does not support use of these signs; they are non-MUTCD compliant and have not been proven to be effective in preventing vehicles from blocking adjacent lanes of travel during heavy traffic periods. Recommend contacting Fairfax County Police to request enforcement.
7. Westbury & Davidson 3-way stop & crosswalk request: This location has been reviewed and denied for multi-way stop control in the recent past.
8. Leesburg Pike & West Park Drive “do not block the box” sign request: As stated in number 6 above, VDOT does not support use of these signs.
9. Leesburg Pike & West Park Drive weaving issue: This is an extremely busy and congested segment of roadway during the AM and PM peak periods. We have little room to modify the traffic patterns at this location without engaging in a very large and expensive project. Metrorail project will begin within the next several years and will alter the entire corridor.
10. Dolley Madison Boulevard & Chain Bridge Road / Churchill Road main line green time: Our Signal Operations Section reviewed this specific location in April 2008 in response to a citizen concern, and made adjustments at that time. No further adjustments are recommended.
11. Dolley Madison Boulevard median adjustments / turning radius improvements:
 - a. Dolley Madison Boulevard & Lewinsville Road / Great Falls Street: Left turn movements operate adequately with the current geometry. No history of crashes related to this issue. Changes not justified.
 - b. Dolley Madison & Old Dominion Drive: Left turn movements operate adequately with the current geometry. No history of crashes related to this issue. Changes not justified.
12. Old Dominion Drive & Beverly Drive – split side street phases. Denied in recent past due to lack of crashes, low side-street demand and high main line volume.

If you should have further questions about any of these issues, please contact me.

Sincerely,
 Don Moyer
 VDOT Area Engineer
 Fairfax & Arlington Counties

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

No resolution. Ted King reported that he had attended four meetings of Supervisor Foust’s Task Force in connection with the County budget. Reductions of 15% have brought the budget down to \$430 M. It has since risen to \$500 M. Even the Schools portion is not impervious to further reductions. Wade Smith proposed that Tony Griffin, Chief Executive of Fairfax County, be invited to address the MCA.

The B&T meeting in November will be addressed by Len Wales of Fairfax Co.

EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Ed Saperstein reported that FairGrade have amplified their position paper and now would also support the A plus/minus system.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Frank Crandall reported that the committee has continued to follow the helicopter and aircraft noise problem. The Aircraft Policy Committee now has a new member in Chris Grootaert of EP&R.

Don Borcharding has worked with the National Park Service on a trails complex that runs from Langley Forks Park to Dead Run. Progress has been made.

Hormones in deer are high from late October to early December. Last year there were 5,000 collisions with deer on roads in Fairfax County. Take care when driving!

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: Dare Murad and Mark Zetts

AT&T Mobility: AT&T is proposing a 125-foot cell tower at the Westmoreland New Life Christian Church at the corner of Westmoreland Street and Kirby Road. AT&T first proposed a 140-foot tower, but lowered the height due to concerns from the Supervisor's office. Installation of a cell tower in an area zoned residential requires a Special Exception permit. Given the height of the proposed tower and county policy to co-locate cell antennas on existing utility poles, the committee asked the applicant to investigate other locations in the area. They will come back next month.

2008 North County APR Cycle: Supervisor Foust has appointed Dale Murad and Jim Robertson as P&Z committee representatives to the 2008 Area Plan Review (APR) task force. Task force hearings will start in November and end in February. Darren Ewing was also appointed to the task force. There are 21 APR nominations to review, two of which are in McLean and one other that straddles the McLean/Hunter Mill boundary.

— Mark Zetts

Mark Zetts reported that Vinson Hall retirement community is proposing to amend the Comprehensive Plan to permit an additional 180 independent living units.

The McLean Professional Park, at 1477 Chain Bridge Road, is proposing to amend the Comprehensive Plan to permit retail on the property. Retail use is currently not allowed.

Main Street, McLean, is not part of the Comprehensive Plan – specifics were not developed enough.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE

Jody Bennett, Rob Jackson, Mark Zetts and Ted Alexander met with Chairman Connolly and his staff for two hours on Friday 17 October to discuss their concerns about the Tysons Land Use Task Force Vision.

They let Chairman Connolly know that the MCA supported growth at Tysons, but did not want to see that same development grow faster than the infrastructure. They felt that the task force had not done enough to protect the surrounding communities, and their Vision Statement did not have adequate triggers to control growth. They did not reach agreement on these latter two points, but believe that Chairman Connolly understands the MCA's concerns.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

In the absence of Jim Turner, Dan Duval reported that A property on the corner of Ingleside is seeking to become commercial.

Four houses adjacent to McLean Central Park are being considered as a possible eminent domain purchase by the County.

McLean Professional Park may have received a citation for felling trees. The destruction of part of the brick wall along Chain Bridge remains in dispute with the County, which has not accepted the proffer condition amendment offered by the property owners.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

The corporation has agreed to support landscaping of the triangular plot opposite Rocco's restaurant.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Bob Jordan reported that the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition, Sharon Bulova, Chair, will sponsor a Regional Growth Scenarios Workshop. Issues such as growth and transportation will be discussed. The Coalition holds monthly meetings. The web site is www.greaterwashington2050.org.

MCLEAN CITIZENS FOUNDATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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