

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors' Meeting Final Minutes, December 3, 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.	Absent (Excused)
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Whit Ayres	Franklin Area	Absent (Excused)
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association.....	Present
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford HOA.....	Present
Gregg Hagedorn	Greenway Heights Civic Association.....	Present
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	Absent (Excused)
Suzanne Seigel	Langley Oaks.....	Absent (Excused)
Wade Smith	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Present
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
Rekha Nadkarni	Present
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Bob Jordan/FCFCA	Present
Margaret Malone	Absent (Excused)
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:

Joseph L. Gibson.....	Supervisor Foust's Office	Alternate Bob McMahan (for Philip Mento, Salona HOA)
Cheryl Patten.....	Supervisor Foust's Office	Jack Wuerker.....
Liz Rothrock, West Lewinsville Heights Citizens Assoc.		Transportation Co-Chair
Merrily Pierce.....	Hunter Mill District staff	Ed Ryan.....
Jane Scott-Jones.....	McLean Youth Soccer	McLean Youth Association
Mike DeCicco	Times Newspapers	Jim Peoples.....
		Bryn Mawr HOA
		Robert Wrede.....
		Evermay Community Assoc.
		Brian Trompeter.....
		Sun Gazette

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:05 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			
		3-Dec-08			
Checking Account					
Beginning Balance	9/30/08				17,780.02
Additions	11/8/2008	Deposit - Dues		120.00	
Total - Additions					120.00
Total					17,900.02
Deduct: No Checks written since last report					
Total - Deducts					0.00
12/3/008					17,900.02
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					34,194.90
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 that a nominating committee would be elected next month for MCA’s 2009 term beginning June 1.

Pres. Jackson announced that the winter Members’ Meeting would take place in late February. The county Budget is a potential theme for this meeting.

Dan DuVal and Bob Nagle were put forward as MCA representatives for reappointment to McLean Revitalization Corporation. MCA Bylaws allow for alternates to attend meetings in their absence.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Pres. Jackson introduced guests **Hal Strickland**, Chair of Park Authority Board Chair; **John Dargle**, FCPA Director, and **Sandy Stallman**, Manager, Park Planning Branch. Mr. Strickland said that the Park bond was supported by 70% of the electorate. Tysons Land Use Task Force had been a year into its mandate before asking the PA to become part of the Tysons Corner planning process. The planning standard for parks in Fairfax County is 5 acres for every 1,000 people. Since the density proposed for Tysons precluded such a standard, it gave rise to the PA's new urban standards for Parks. This means a rectangular field will be needed for every 2,500 residents. In other high density cities, the ratio for this is 1 acre/1,000 residents, and 1 acre/1,500 employees.

Communication with the TLUFT concerned 1) standards and 2) other needs. A lot of catching up was needed. When the density has been agreed, it is over to the BoS, regardless of PA standards. PA has a map showing what should be provided, but it does not require any one developer to provide what is needed. It is a community-wide responsibility. There will be off-site development. PA wants to make it as compatible as possible with the surrounding communities. The BoS charges PA with an aggressive program to serve citizens. It must be done through the Comprehensive Plan, which is the only leverage the PA can exercise. If it is felt that the traffic load is too much, that fact must be entered into the Comp Plan. The PA requested 160 acres in addition to the 89 acres of existing parks. The PA is in process of redefining standards for urban parks.

Sandy Stallman said that with coming changes, PA has started to look at the park system differently. The urban park is the foundation, and the PA has set a framework to allow for this development. Land standards have been changed; facility standards have not. The last set of numbers developed at GMU may be the final numbers. PA will push hard to make developers shoulder part of the PA responsibility. 31 rectangular fields are needed. PA is working on getting the necessary language in the Comp Plan.

The following link opens the report prepared by PB Placemaking for TLUTF:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/finalreports/transforming-tysons-chapter-7.pdf>

Wade Smith reiterated the need for 160 acres to be in Tysons Corner itself; tree-lined streets do not count. Mr. Strickland said the PA was working on finding additional acreage elsewhere in the county.

A few on the Board expressed concern over a letter from Mr. Strickland to TLUTF Chair Clark Tyler (see Appendix 1). They considered the letter to be much too conciliatory in tone, as it took no account of concerns publicly expressed by residents of the communities adjoining Tysons about the impact the development plans would have on local parks.

Pres. Jackson thanked the PA representatives for attending and listening to the Board, saying that the exchanges were honest and constructive.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Ted King reported that Supervisor Foust's budget task force continues to meet every two weeks. Jim Turner reported that each department has to cut its budget 15%. Fairfax Co. Economic Development Authority's President and CEO Jerry Gordon did not attend, but sent a representative who said that Fairfax County would fail if their budget was cut. For a budget of \$540 M, 15% cut means \$40 M less to go around. Revenue side has not yet been discussed. Frank Crandall reported from Environmental Quality Advisory Council that the rate will increase and that it would not necessarily be uniform because some areas get less than others. After being firmed up in April, the new budget will take effect in June.

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

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution
Verizon Wireless Antenna
FS-D08-111
December 3, 2008**

Whereas Verizon Wireless has submitted an application pursuant to Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia; and,

Whereas this application would permit a telecommunications antenna at Langley High School at 6520 Georgetown Pike, Tax Map 022-3 ((1)) 0010; and,

Whereas an existing 75-foot light stanchion would be replaced with a 93-foot pole, 24 inches in diameter, with the stadium lights kept at the 75-foot height and the three proposed panel antennas installed no higher than 93 feet; and,

Whereas due to the use of an existing utility pole and low-profile, flush mounted antennas, county staff has determined the proposed antenna is a 'feature shown' in accordance with Objective 44 of the Comprehensive Plan; and,

Whereas the Langley Oaks HOA does not object to the present 2232 application; and

Whereas the installation of this antenna would enhance Verizon Wireless' coverage in the area surrounding Langley High School;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the Verizon Wireless 2232 application.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
Jay Donahue, Dranesville Planning Commissioner
Joseph Gibson, Staff
Frank Stearns, Esq.
Fairfax County Planning Commission

Mark Zetts introduced the Resolution by saying Verizon has worked with the HOAs, and the proposal complies with Comprehensive Plan. P&Z voted in committee to support the resolution. It was passed by the Board with one abstention (Darren Ewing).

Co-chairs: Dare Murad and Mark Zetts issued the following P & Z Report:

Planning & Zoning Committee Report

December 3, 2008

McLean Professional Park (MPP) APR: MPP, located at 1447 Chain Bridge Road across the street from the McLean Racket and Health Club, is a townhouse office park zoned C-2. Retail is not permitted and the Comp Plan specifically recommends against adding retail. The applicant proposes to strike the 'no new retail' clause in the Comp Plan to allow adding some limited retail. There are problems associated with adding retail, however the majority of committee members voted to support the APR nomination. Steve Keller will draft a resolution recommending additional Comp Plan language that will limit the impact of the added retail use. The resolution will be presented to the Board in January.

Vinson Hall APR: Vinson Hall, located at the intersection of Kirby Road and Old Dominion Drive, currently has 169 independent living units and is seeking to amend the Comprehensive Plan to permit 180 additional units for a maximum of 350 units. Vinson Hall's Special Exception permit, approved in 1987, allows them a maximum of 276 independent living units. Given the applicant is permitted to add an additional 100 units, under the current SE, the committee decided to oppose the APR nomination and recommend the applicant make a request for more units in a subsequent APR cycle. The resolution will be presented to the Board in January.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: In November, the BoS approved a change in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to certain zoning violations. Normally, when cited with a zoning violation, an appeal must be filed within 30 days. Under this amendment, this time will be reduced to 10 days for certain violations:

- 1) Illegal occupancy
- 2) Parking of inoperative vehicles
- 3) Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential district
- 4) Parking a vehicle in an unpaved section of the front yard
- 5) Erection of prohibited signs on private property
- 6) Erection, alteration, refacing or relocation of prohibited signs on private property.
- 7) Other short-term recurring violations

If these violations result in injury to any person or more than \$5,000 in civil penalties, the violation may be prosecuted as a criminal misdemeanor

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Jack Wuerker reported on a gathering of elected officials, local leaders of 8-10 organizations, and residents at Tysons Sheraton Premiere hotel on November 12 in support of the metro tunnel under Tysons Corner. State Sen. Chap Peterson, Tysons Tunnel.org President Scott Monett, Supervisor John Foust, and MCA Pres. Rob Jackson were among speakers addressing the crowd of approximately 250. Former transportation secretary William Coleman encouraged listeners to urge their representatives to take another look at the tunnel option.

TYSONS CORNER LIAISON COMMITTEE

Ted Alexander reported that the TLUTF vision has been turned over to the County. Regarding traffic studies, it will take three months to refine the language of the Comprehensive Plan. TLUTF is trying to draw up a new urban zoning ordinance. Stu Mendelsohn, a land use attorney and former Supervisor of Dranesville District, is taking the lead on zoning, but the County staff will draft the zoning ordinance.

Meetings of Fairfax County Planning Commission's Tysons Corner Liaison Committee will take place December 4, 11 & 17. Jane Seeman, Mark Zetts, and Ted Alexander will speak on 12/11. On 12/17, speakers include Rob Jackson, Susan Turner, Rob Bates, Darren Ewing and Bud Freeman. Others who will be speaking in support of MCA's position are: Charlie Hall, Joel Stillman, Laurie Cole, Steve Pastordovich, Debbie Reyher, and Bruce Bennett.

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Turner reported as follows:

1) the question of 1417 Ingleside has been resolved by changing the zoning to C2. It was approved because the owners (McFaddens) would make significant improvements over a 5-year period. Three properties can then be consolidated.

2) the Church of the Redeemer wants a Phase 2A permit to expand the narthex (front) of the Church.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan DuVal reported that the demo project has been completed.

Dan Montgomery, owner of several properties on Center Street, outlined the next steps for the street. Plan will take the next three months to complete.

Dan DuVal and Jim Peoples are the ad hoc committee for MPP.

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



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927
Fairfax, VA 22035-1118



October 28, 2008

Clark Tyler, Chair
Tysons Land Use Task Force
7327 Eldorado Street
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Clark:

Congratulations to you and the Tysons Task Force on coming to consensus in developing a vision for transforming Tysons Corner into a walkable and livable urban downtown. I know it was a lengthy and challenging process. Given the many competing interests, I appreciate your willingness to work with the Park Authority throughout the past two years to ensure that a network of urban parks are part of the plan.

I was pleased to see that the Concept Plan includes a connected park system with 160 additional acres of parks, including a large 8-10 acre recreational park in North Central Tysons and a 3-5 acre signature urban park near Tysons Central station. This plan is consistent with the Park Authority's analysis and recommendations for Tysons Corner.

Thanks, again, for being a friend to the Park Authority. I look forward to continuing to work with you as the Task Force's recommendations are translated into Comprehensive Plan text that will help turn the vision into reality.

Yours truly,


Harold L. Strickland
Chairman

Copy: Board of Supervisors
Park Authority Board Members
John W. Dargle, Jr., Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/COO
Sandy Stallman, Manager, Park Planning
James P. Zook, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)
Fred R. Selden, Director, Planning Division, DPZ
Sterling Wheeler, Chief, Policy and Plan Development Branch, DPZ