

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 5, 2013 Minutes**

Officers (6)

President	Sally Horn	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Absent (excused)
Second Vice President	Armand Weiss	Present
Treasurer	Bill Crosby	Present
Recording Secretary	Louise Epstein	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Nicki Watts	Present

Board Members Representing Associations

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Present
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven Forest Villa	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Present
Bill Denk	El Nido	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Absent (excused)
Frances Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Present
Michele Pearce	Kirby Road	Substitute – Susan Hendrix
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent (excused)
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent (excused)
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Present
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Present
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt	Absent (excused)
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Present
Marisa Zalmanis	Lewinsville Heights	Present

Board Members At-Large

Ted Alexander	Present
Jeff Barnett	Present
Tom Brock	Absent (excused)
Frank Crandall	Present
Andrea del Vecchio	Present
Darren Ewing	Absent (excused)
Animesh Gupta	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
Bara Milon	Absent (excused)
James Phelps	Present
Merrily Pierce	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Kathryn Woods	Absent (excused)
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests who signed in: Brian Trompeter, Sun Gazette; Paul Kohlenberger, MCC Governing Board and McLean Historical Society; Michael Fredericks, SVCA.

Call to Order

Sally Horn asked people to review the MCA bylaws. The MCA is nonpartisan, not bipartisan. Board members are required to be active, such as by joining an MCA committee, serving as a liaison, or volunteering for MCA special projects. MCA bylaws permit no more than three unexcused absences per year, so please email Sally Horn and copy Louise Epstein in advance if you can't attend an MCA board meeting.

MCA takes positions on issues, typically through resolutions. The format of resolutions is designed to help clarify MCA positions, by using whereas clauses to outline critical information. If you have a conflict of interest on a resolution, please abstain from voting by asking to be recused. If you disagree with the MCA position, then when expressing your views always clarify that you are speaking as an individual, not as an MCA representative, especially when speaking with the press or elected officials.

If MCA appoints you to another group, the expectation is that you'll use judgment and also take positions consistent with those of the MCA. If it's not clear what the MCA position would be on an issue, please raise the issue during an MCA board meeting.

The MCA conflict of interest policy covers issues that affect our employers, clients of our law firms, etc. John Adams encouraged people to think broadly about the issues and potential relationships and conflicts, and Sally Horn agreed that this was relevant both when an MCA board member would comment and also vote on an issue. Steve del Bianco clarified that as long as an MCA board member disclosed their potential conflict, it was fine for them to offer their opinion during a discussion. However, MCA board members should abstain from voting on issues where they have conflicts.

Sally Horn asked everyone to sign in and verified that there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Crosby presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved by voice vote. See attachment.

Report of the President and Executive Committee

Sally Horn thanked Nicki Watts for her work on the MCA bulk mailing for new members, and referred Board members to the file with committee chairs, etc. A motion to approve the list approved by voice vote.

Merrily Pierce reported on planning for MCA's 100th anniversary. She is forming a committee and is looking for members who enjoy planning events and a co-chair. The kickoff meeting will be in September, with the expectation of holding monthly meetings until the McLean Day celebration. Merrily asked everyone to think of ideas from our HOAs, maybe something about the history of your neighborhood community. Steve Del Bianco noted that when the Franklin Park HOA celebrated its anniversary in 2009, it had postage

stamps, wine, fife and drum corps. Sally Horn encouraged new Board members, especially, to join this MCA committee.

The MCA has reserved the Alden Theatre on October 22, 2013 for Candidates' Night and will be inviting candidates for House of Delegates, and Sally Horn asked people to volunteer to help plan this event. Candidates Night is co-sponsored by the McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Peggy Fox will be the Master of Ceremonies. The MCA also will be working with a representative from each political party, to vet the questions. Steve del Bianco noted that MCA's challenge is to publicize Candidates Night in a way that generates a sizeable audience, and that some MCA board members also have prior experience screening questions.

The MCA Executive Committee also may plan a general meeting on changes in law that affect Virginia homeowners associations, which will be organized by Glenn Harris.

Public Safety Presentation by Officer Lucas

Patrick Smaldore introduced Officer Patrick Lucas, who has worked in McLean for 14 years and who explained that the police depend on residents to help them solve crimes.

Last month, our area had 10 burglaries in one day, mostly in Falls Church. The burglars had addiction issues and broke glass doors, which was unusual.

The McLean police department is working with Patrick Smaldore to obtain updated data on local homeowners associations and also encourages neighborhood watches. Officer Lucas would be happy to speak at meetings of individual homeowners associations.

Bill Denk noted that some of the burglaries occurred in El Nido, and Abinesh Gupta said two homes in Pimmit Hills had been burglarized. Residents also should be wary of door to door salesmen, who are supposed to obtain a Fairfax County license in advance. Don't let them enter your home, ask them to step away from the front door, to disengage politely, and to call the non-emergency number for the police department and provide detailed descriptions of the salesmen.

Budget & Taxation Committee

Dale Stein announced that the committee meets on third Mondays of the month, and encouraged people to join the committee. Bill Denk is the vice-chair of the B & T Committee. The next committee meeting is June 17th, 8 pm, and will feature officials from the County Sewer and Stormwater.

Education & Youth Committee

Ted Alexander announced that the committee would meet monthly and that the next meeting probably would be on June 18th, 7:30 pm. He asked people to encourage their friends and neighbors to attend Committee meetings. Abinesh Gupta asked if the committee could schedule meetings on weekends. Sally Horn suggested that people contact, Ted, Louise or Sally to confirm the dates and times of committee meetings.

Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee

Frank Crandall reported that the committee is investigating plans to consolidate stormwater regulations and ordinances. They are working with the MCA Planning and

Zoning Committee, which is looking at the potential impact of these changes on homeowners and also at enforcement issues. The committee is also working to reduce invasive plant species, especially climbing vines on mature trees.

It's unclear how the county will raise the money needed in the future to address stormwater deficiencies, which will cost about \$1 billion over 25 years. The county also has erosion problems near streams. The MCA Committee will work with Park Authority to recommend ways to reduce erosion problems.

A report on the use of Salona is forthcoming. The committee just released a report on the stormwater problems at Salona, and there also is an archeological study.

Merrily Pierce announced that the MCA committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting on McLean Central Park is scheduled for June 10th, and Friends of McLean Central Park agrees with the MCA resolution on McLean Central Park.

Membership Committee

Armand Weiss reported that our budgeted revenue from dues for next year is \$9,810, so the MCA will need to attract over 600 members to break even. Nicki Watts sent out a mass mailing to all residents in the MCA area, and the Committee will monitor the results. Armand asked people to join Membership Committee and to encourage their friends and neighbors to join the MCA, and said the committee hoped to meet in June.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Mark Zetts reported that the committee had reviewed nine rezonings so far on Tysons. MCA opposed a Capital One proposal, because the developer should pay a higher proffer. It also opposed the Commons proposal, which will have 5,000 residents, unless they delivered an athletic field by 2025 and provided ground floor retail in the Commons.

When the Commons rezoning came up for a vote, Supervisor Foust expressed disappointment on delivery time of field and the insufficient retail, but voted to approve it. The developer was required to provide an athletic field by December 31, 2035 and can use its discretion on retail spaces.

The County is proposing to allow Residential Studios with short-term leases for lower-income residents to be built near public transportation (including bus lines) without regard to certain existing zoning requirements. When County staff proposed a similar plan a few years ago, the MCA expressed concerns. The Committee will invite County staff to explain the current proposal this summer.

Extensive discussion ensued about the proposed requirements for these residential studio apartments, their purpose, who was supporting the proposal, the impact on traffic, and more. Sally Horn asked Mark Zetts to inform her when the County staff would be coming to discuss their proposal, so she could publicize the date and time.

Mark Zetts presented a powerpoint on Tysons Rezoning and Redevelopment. The MCA's consistent position was that county taxpayers should pay no more than 25% of the capital costs of the \$3.1 billion. In the end, the Supervisors voted for a plan where local taxpayers would pay 17-21% of those costs. MCA will monitor this in the future.

Transportation Committee

Jim Phelps announced that the committee meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm. It considers anything relating to any form of transportation (including noise issues) and works with the MCA Planning & Zoning Committee and Transportation committees of other civic associations. It has passed resolutions on MWAA, Silver Line, and Route 28 development's impact on Tysons funding. The proposal to widen Route 7 was funded, after the Committee met with Virginia Department Of Transportation. Every month, the committee is briefed on the HOT Lanes and Silver Line.

Tysons Corner Liaison

Rob Jackson reported that the Tyson's Liaison Committee was formed to advocate on density and finance issues.

Public Safety Liaison

Patrick Smaldore thanked Officer Lucas for his earlier presentation on recent McLean burglaries. Patrick also is planning to bring Stephen Willey to present the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for the July meeting and to meet with Supervisor Foust in September, which is public preparedness month.

McLean Community Center

Patrick Smaldore reported that the MCC renovation plan calls for a back-up generator.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Rob Jackson summarized the Federation's membership and operations. The Federation takes positions on many issues, and Supervisors and state legislators pay attention to the Federation's views. Sally asked MCA members who would like to represent the MCA at Federation meetings to contact her.

Fifty-Plus Liaison

Jim Phelps reported that the committee is drafting a charter. There will be a 50 plus form on June 26, at MCC, 6 pm, with Supervisor Foust.

Sally Horn added that the McLean Chamber of Commerce asked MCA to join them a task force to canvas McLean businesses to identify those interested in providing services to seniors, and asked interested MCA members to see her.

Old Business/New Business

Bud Freeman reported that Georgelas first building will have workforce housing units that look identical to the market rate housing units.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

The next MCA Board meeting date is July 10, 2013.

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**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

5-Jun-13

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	5/1/2013				\$11,121.34
Additions					
			Total: Additions	\$0.00	\$11,121.34
Deductions					
	5/2/13	1180	David Wuehrmann for Transportation Committee poster for McLean Day	\$36.74	
			Total: Deductions	\$36.74	

Checking Total Current Value					\$11,084.60
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1%	4/8/13	1/17/15	\$5,839.25	
3000102774	APY .75%	3/2/13	3/2/13	\$5,720.93	
3000103064	APY .75%	4/1/13	6/12/13	\$5,895.54	
CD Total Current Value					\$17,455.72
Net Worth (Checking+CD)					\$28,540.32

Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crosby,
Treasurer