

**McLean Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Officers (6)**

President	Sally Horn	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Present
Second Vice President	Armand Weiss	Present
Treasurer	Bill Crosby	Present
Recording Secretary	Kate Probst	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Marisa Zalmanis	Absent (exc)

**Board Members Representing Associations (20)**

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

**Board Members At-Large (14)**

Ted Alexander	Present
Roshan Badii	Absent (exc)
Jeff Barnett	Absent (exc)
Tom Brock	Present
Frank Crandall	Absent (exc)
Andrea del Vecchio	Present
Louise Epstein	Absent (exc)
Darren Ewing	Present
Animesh Gupta	Absent (exc)
Rob Jackson	Present
James Phelps	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

**MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 3, 2014 Minutes**

Guests who signed in: Paul Kohlenberger, McLean Historical Society & MCC Governing Board and Merrily Pierce, MCA Environment and Recreation Committee.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, verified there was a quorum, and reminded everyone to sign in.

**Approval of November Minutes**

The November minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**Report of the Treasurer**

The November Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**Report of President/Executive Committee**

Ms. Horn provided a number of updates to the Board:

- The Winter membership meeting will be on February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short presentation by the McLean Community Foundation at that meeting. We also expect to have a short presentation by the organization putting on the Police Games; we may have one other organization presenting as well.
- The May membership meeting will probably be at the very end of May; we are in the process of finding out when the MCC is available.
- Ms. Horn thanked everyone for contributing to the newsletter. We plan on getting it to the printer next week.
- Next week Ms. Horn will send out an email to all MCA members inviting them to renew their membership.
- Ms. Horn asked all board members representing an HOA to please email her the name of their alternate in case you cannot attend a Board meeting. If you don't have an alternate, please talk to your HOA to get an alternate for your HOA.
- Please think about whether you are interested in being on our nominating committee for new Board members. The executive committee will be selecting that committee in January or February. We are looking for people who have the time and the interest to serve on that committee; members would be expected to reach out to the broader community to identify possible new board members.

Please let Ms. Horn know if you are interested in being on the nominating committee.

- Ms. Horn noted that the event with Dr. Garza was a big success, and that Dr. Garza has a clear policy agenda and was very impressive.

## **Budget and Taxation**

Dale Stein noted that the committee continues to work on issues related to the Fairfax County pension plans, including that of the Public School System, and will be working on the fiscal year 2016 Budget when it is released.

The committee met with Jeffrey Weiler, Executive Director of the Retirement Systems for Fairfax County, to discuss its pension plans and will meet with Fairfax County's external actuary to discuss some of the more technical issues. The Committee is seeking answers to a few key questions and completing its due diligence: How much is the aggregate amount of the liability; how much are those obligations underfunded; and what are the possible the effects on the County?

The committee will try to schedule a meeting as soon as possible with a senior financial executive from FCPS who is familiar with its pension plan to complete the due diligence.

The fiscal year 2016 budget process starts with the release of the County budget in February. At the next meeting of the Budget and Taxation Committee, December 15th, the committee will discuss a strategic approach to gathering information and commenting on the County and FCPS budgets. As part of its effort, the committee plans to host a public meeting with representatives of the County Executive Office and FCPS to address the key issues in their budgets and to answer questions.

Rob Jackson noted that the County and the schools are releasing their budgets earlier this year to give for more time for public comment.

## **Education and Youth**

Ted Alexander reported on the event with Dr. Garza, which was a great success. There were approximately 35-40 people attending and it was a very good session. Dr. Garza was very impressive, answered a lot of questions, and discussed the FCPS budget, shortfall, and the pension plan. He noted that Dr. Garza has clearly heard the concern about class size in McLean, and mentioned that she is going to look at this issue. She also mentioned that she has drawn up a list of 30 or so policies that she wants to implement.

The Committee will be meeting with Dr. Kim Dockery, the new Chief Academic Officer for FCPS at their January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Education committee continues to work closely with the Budget and Taxation Committee on the pension and budget issues. Mr. Alexander noted that the Education Committee will focus more on the performance side of the audit issue, and let the Budget Committee focus on the financial audit issues.

### **Environment, Parks & Rec.**

Merrily Pierce reported that the committee has had to cancel a few meetings because invited speakers were unable to attend. They have several more invitations outstanding. Last week, the MCA was recognized by the Parks Authority for our program on invasive management in two local public schools.

### **Membership**

Armand Weiss reported that we now have 568 members, and reminded the Board that we start counting again at zero on January 1.

In response to questions raised at the last Board meeting, the membership committee has gathered information on the cost of MCA T-shirts. Dr. Weiss said they have found an excellent company that makes the shirts in the United States, and that the cost of a plain white t-shirt with printing on the front would be about \$12 a shirt for an order of 24 shirts, and about \$16 a shirt for a polo shirt. The price per shirt goes down the more shirts are ordered.

After a brief discussion at the Board meeting, it was agreed that the Membership committee will make a proposal for next steps regarding ordering T-shirts and forward that, with a mock-up of the T-shirt with the MCA logo, to Ms. Horn. The Executive Committee will consider whether we should move forward with an MCA T-shirt and will report back to the full Board.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Mark Zetts reported on two cases that were discussed at the last P&Z meeting.

1. Proposed Assisted Living facility. At the meeting, there was a presentation about the proposed assisted living facility at Westmoreland and Kirby. There meeting was "standing room only" and the discussion lasted an hour. At the meeting, there was a good amount of opposition to the proposal, in large part because the proposed 40,000 square feet facility will be one large, unsightly building on the property, many members of the local community would prefer 10 single family dwellings, which would be the same total square footage, although the single family homes would result in more traffic to the site. The proposed facility would have 73 units, 50% assisted living and 50% memory impaired. It is at an intersection (Kirby and Westmoreland) that needs improvement. It is still early in the process. The preliminary hearing is set for April, but will likely be pushed back to May or June. We expect them to come back before P&Z in February.

2 – Proposed expansion of Mount Daniel elementary school on North Oak Street. This is a Falls Church City elementary school that is on Fairfax County property. They have not yet filed their #2232, and they may need to request a special exception permit, as they want to double the size of the school, which would be a substantial increase in the size of the building on what is currently a small property. The school has been there since 1951, and is on a road that is only 30 feet wide, even though County regulations require that a road leading to a school be 36 feet wide. The most recent traffic count was done in 1986, and really needs to be updated. Because this is a large expansion, it is very important to see the #2232, which details the likely impacts, in order to evaluate the proposal. The Committee had a lot of unanswered questions at the meeting. Mr. Zetts noted that an MCA Board Member, David Wuerhmann, is representing the community and has closely monitored the FCCPS planning of the expansion. There has not been a vehicle trip count conducted on North Oak Street since 1986 and although we asked in the first week of September 2014 that a count be conducted, it has not happened yet. This trip count is needed to assess impact for the #2232.

3 - Mr. Zetts noted that P&Z will soon be looking at proposed changes to the Lewinsville Senior Center, and that the committee will probably have a resolution for the Board to consider at the January meeting. There is a community meeting about the proposed changes soon, and someone from P&Z will attend to listen to the presentation and any community concerns. P&Z is concerned that they are not allowing for enough parking, given the use of the facility and the baseball field. The current proposal is 8,000 square feet larger than the assisted living facility that was previously approved for the site. Right now there are 22 units, the proposal would add 60 units (for a total of 82), add adult and child day care and keep one of the two existing ball fields.

### **Transportation**

Jim Phelps reported that last month the Committee meeting focused on noise issues from the Silver Line. We are also looking at the issue of airline noise from National Airport and will continue to focus on this issue in our December meeting. We are planning to look back at prior MCA work on airline noise issues and review the noise regulations to determine future activities. We have been asked by Arlington County to work with them on the airport noise issue, and will be in touch with them after we complete our [initial work](#).

### **Tysons Liaison**

Rob Jackson reported that the committee did not meet in November or December. It will meet in January, and are planning to invite in a number of speakers to help educate the committee.

### **Public Safety Liaison**

Patrick Smaldore noted that, using the MCA September National Preparedness Month Program Panel Model, Fairfax County Public Safety Agencies and the Dranesville

Supervisor have planned for Senior Safety Summits in Herndon/Reston for Friday December 5th and in McLean/Great Falls Friday on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **MCC Liaison**

Mr. Smaldore reported that the Capital Facilities Committee met December 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the timeline of the MCC Renovation Project. If all goes well the MCC should have a determination by the county on its 2232 requirement by the middle of February 2015. The 2232 application process would start around the end of March, 2015, and would include a review by the MCA P&Z Committee. Once the 2232 process is complete actual construction could begin in late November 2015.

### **MCA McLean WinterFest Participation**

MCA Volunteers will be participating the WinterFest parade in the heart of McLean on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **McLean Planning Committee**

Jim Turner provided an update to the Board on the JBG development, noting that the original plan, to attract a younger demographic to McLean, no longer appears to be the goal of the new development, which has been revised to include many fewer, more expensive condos attractive to "empty nesters." He noted that the building will include 15 subsidized units. Mark Zetts noted that the decrease in the total number of units means that the new building will have adequate parking for the residents, and that parking had been an MCA concern. Construction is expected to begin in May or June of next year, thought that would be delayed as they are still working on the design.

Mr. Turner informed the Board that new "Gateway to McLean" signs will be installed.

### **McLean Revitalization Corporation – no report.**

### **Fifty-Plus Liaison – nothing to report**

### **Old Business/New Business**

Sally Horn again thanked Merrily Pierce and Paul Kohlenberger for all the work they did to put together the history of MCA booklet, and the posters of photographs of McLean over the years. MCA will be getting the posters laminated so that they can be used for future events.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**The next MCA Board meeting date is January 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
at the McLean Community Center**

# McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

3-Dec-14

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	11/5/2014				<b>\$11,652.29</b>
<b>Additions</b>	10/30/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$14.26	
			Total: Additions	\$14.26	<b>\$11,666.55</b>
<b>Deductions</b>	11/19/14	1221	Merrily Pierce for MCA history booklets	\$591.87	
			Total: Deductions	\$591.87	
			Checking Total Current Value		<b>\$11,074.68</b>
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1%	10/6/14	1/17/15	\$5,927.71	
3000102774	APY .3%	9/30/14	3/2/15	\$5,772.68	
3000103064	APY .3%	10/1/14	6/12/15	\$5,940.78	
			CD Total Current Value		<b>\$17,641.17</b>
			<b>Net Worth (Checking+CD)</b>		<b>\$28,715.85</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crosby, Treasurer