

**McLean Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
DRAFT January 8, 2014 Minutes**

**Officers (6)**

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

**Board Members Representing Associations (20)**

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Present
Donald Borchering	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	Present
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Absent (exc)
Michele Pearce	Kirby Road	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent (exc)
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Absent (exc)
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Present
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Present
Marisa Zalmanis	Lewinsville Heights	Present

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

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

Guests who signed in: Officer Patrick Lucas, Fairfax County Police Department

### **Call to Order**

Sally Horn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, verified that there was a quorum and asked everyone to sign in. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from December, 2013, with clerical changes, were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Crosby presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. See attached.

### **Report of President/Executive Committee**

President Sally Horn advised that the MCA is soliciting volunteers to serve on the 2014-15 Nominating Committee. There are openings for two members currently serving on the MCA board and three at-large members from the community. Chair Jim Robertson will be responsible for final selection. The Board will vote on the slate at the MCA February meeting. In addition, members of the board will receive a mailing soliciting nominations to the MCA, and responses will be due in March.

The January 22, 2014 membership meeting will be held at the MCC Alden Theater. Ushers are needed. The meeting will include a vote on the revised bylaws. Notifications regarding the bylaws have already been sent to members. It was recommended that a clearer link to the by-laws be posted on the MCA website. The meeting will also feature a conversation with Fairfax County Superintendent Karen Garza.

Upcoming membership meetings include a March 13<sup>th</sup> forum, which will be co-sponsored by the McLean Trees Foundation and the McLean Chamber of Commerce. The topic will be tips on trees for homeowners and small businesses. May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the annual meeting, and Dranesville Superintendent John Foust will be guest speaker. A meeting featuring Virginia State Legislators is tentatively set for Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, but needs to be confirmed.

Marisa Zalmanis reported that the website technical problems are resolved and that updates will be done.

Nicki Watts requested approval for 500 more brochures at the cost of \$405. plus tax. The board voted unanimously in favor.

### **Budget & Taxation Committee**

Dale Stein reported that the committee met with several Fairfax County officials about budget-related matters, including investments and pension plans. He noted that the county has 53 investment managers. Regarding pension funds, he reports that the plans are underfunded by \$1.5B-\$2B over a 15-year period. County officials cited an Aon study on retirement benefit plans, which concluded that the plans are "doing what they are supposed to do."

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. The guest will be Dr. Gerald Gordon, head of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

### **Education & Youth Committee**

Ted Alexander reported that the committee met in December. Guests were Michael Hershman, a community appointee and audit expert on the Supervisors' Audit Committee, and Dan Stork, a former Chair of the Board of Education. He noted that Mr. Hershman has been calling for an Independent Auditor within the Board of Education.

The Education & Youth Committee plans to bring forward resolutions regarding a later high school start time and class size, and will consider reiterating its position on an independent auditor.

### **Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee**

Merrily Pierce reported that Frank Crandall was not in attendance due to health issues, but remains active in overseeing matters related to the MCA. She asked that Margaret Malone be given a vote of thanks for her successful chairmanship of the Salona Task Force.

She called the board's attention to the pin oaks that were removed in front of J. Gilbert's restaurant in downtown McLean. The trees were reportedly unhealthy, according to a Fairfax County arborist, and J. Gilbert's paid to have them removed. She expressed concern about the decision, and noted that John Foust's office had not been advised. J. Gilbert plans to replant trees at this location; however, their size remains unknown.

The committee will monitor a Fairfax County watershed plan and a project in McLean Central Park to review trees. The committee will also report on next steps for Salona at the next MCA meeting.

Jane Scott-Jones advised that a meeting regarding the Langley Fork Park master plan would be held on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Sherman Elementary. County officials will review an environmental assessment, discuss preliminary findings and seek public comment.

### **Membership Committee**

Kathryn Woods reported that membership had reached 612 members against a 2014 goal of 700 members. The MCA survey designed by Animesh Gupta received 221 responses to date and will remain open until March. The committee will invite EC and other committees to join in a meeting to compile results and will take the lead in developing a presentation to the MCA Board.

To increase communications outreach, the committee is exploring the development of an iPad application, printing 500 of new business cards for distribution at local retail outlets promoting upcoming events, and considering a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure and banner in coordination with the Centennial committee.

MCA's participation in McLean Day is being co-chaired by Kathryn Woods and Marina Zalmanis. Space has been reserved for an MCA table. The event will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will be needed. Each committee was asked to compile information on its activities in a presentation format. Photos were also requested for use a short rolling visual presentation and other promotional activities.

Patrick Smaldore joined the committee and will be helping to use data on HOAs to improve membership outreach.

## **Planning & Zoning Committee**

Mark Zetts reported that county staff would recommend language to permit JBG to build an apartment complex in downtown McLean. He said that the county deferred a hearing on a Comprehensive Plan amendment so that P&Z could discuss the matter at its January meeting. The committee expects to have a resolution on the proposal for the February MCA board meeting.

Sally Horn and Mark Zetts attended a Planning Commission committee meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the Residential Studio Units (RSU) proposal. The committee made several directives: allow RSUs in R-12 and higher; have the maximum units be between 30 and 75; allow RSUs along arterial roads, but not collectors; and make RSUs subject to a Special Exception. The county is looking at a range of uses for the proposed low-income housing, including halfway houses, housing for teachers, disabled, homeless, and senior citizens. Several other recommendations are still under consideration. Four meetings remain.

The Ashby development is considered by P&Z to be too dense at a 2.95 FAR. The Ashby wants to build about 200 apartments and proposed to step them back in order to help offset the massive size of the structure. He advised that 2.95 is comparable to Tysons TOD (transit-oriented development) density and that Supervisor Foust had also expressed concerns about this. P&Z has a tentative meeting with the developer to discuss this in January.

The development of an independent living facility is being proposed for the corner of Kirby and Westmoreland Roads. It would be comprised of 33 rental townhouses for residents aged 55+ and would require a Special Exception. The committee is seeking more information.

## **Transportation Committee**

Jim Phelps reported that the committee did not meet in December. The upcoming January meeting will focus on VDOT and address concerns about cut-throughs.

## **Tysons Corner Liaison**

Mark Zetts reported that the next meeting of the Tysons Transportation Board meeting would be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>. He said that the county is in the process of drafting three amendments regarding land use, transportation and parks and public facilities.

Sally Horn reported that the Tysons Partnership discussed the Tysons Urban Police. Nine new officer positions have been created and between 25 and 40 officers will later be required. A Metro Momentum Plan was presented with the goal of promoting metro usage.

## **Public Safety Liaison**

Patrick Smaldore said that a program on emergency preparedness is being considered for the fall as a special MCA membership event.

## **McLean Planning Committee**

Jim Turner stated that the MPC met with developer JBG on its Elm Street project on December 12<sup>th</sup> and that the developer had presented new design proposals to address massing of building and setbacks. He expressed aesthetic concerns about changes in the proposed building's exterior materials.

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**

Rob Jackson said that he made a presentation on behalf of the Federation before the Virginia Legislature on legislative priorities for the upcoming session. Ten priorities were addressed

**Fifty-Plus Liaison**

Jim Phelps stated that the committee expects to meet in January or February, but that no date has yet been set.

**Old Business/New Business**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

**The next MCA Board meeting date is February 5, 2014**

**McLEAN  
CITIZENS  
ASSOCIATION**

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

4-Dec-13

<b>Checking Account</b>					
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	11/6/2013				<b>\$12,125.92</b>
<b>Additions</b>					
	11/8/13		Dues (checks)	\$150.00	
			Total: Additions	\$150.00	<b>\$12,275.92</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
	11/11/13	1192	Global Printing for Sept. 2013 newsletter	\$460.65	
	11/11/13	1193	Global Printing for 3 October event flyers	\$440.16	
	11/11/13	1194	Global Printing for October event flyer	\$313.02	
	11/12/13	1195	McLean Trees Foundation for contribution in memory of Joyce Crandall	\$200.00	
			Total: Deductions	\$1,413.83	
Checking Total Current Value					<b>\$10,862.09</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>					
<b>CD NUMBER</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>REPORT DATE</b>	<b>MATURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
3000102773	APY 1%	10/7/13	1/17/15	\$5,868.75	
3000102774	APY .75%	9/30/13	3/2/14	\$5,742.58	
3000103064	APY .5%	10/1/13	6/12/14	\$5,914.15	

CD Total Current Value	<b>\$17,525.48</b>
<b>Net Worth (Checking+CD)</b>	<b>\$28,387.57</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crosby,  
Treasurer

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution  
Support for Certain Fairfax County Unfunded Transportation Projects**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the approval of HB 2313 by the 2013 Virginia General Assembly, revenues for transportation projects in Fairfax County are estimated to increase by approximately \$1.2 billion over a six-year period and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has requested that county residents comment on their local-project priorities from a categorized list of currently unfunded projects that will be further prioritized by FCDOT and transmitted to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors by early 2014, and,

**WHEREAS**, of the 56 unfunded transportation projects in the Dranesville District, 38 of these projects are within the McLean Planning District and,

**WHEREAS**, the McLean Citizens Association passed a resolution on November 20, 2013 supporting sixteen pedestrian sidewalk projects within one mile of certain elementary schools and 1½ miles of certain middle schools, and

**WHEREAS**, there are eight additional Improvement Projects in the McLean Planning District, listed below, that, if implemented would significantly reduce traffic congestion and enhance both pedestrian and vehicular safety,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MCA supports including the following projects in the Fairfax County six year transportation funding plan:

- #22 – Balls Hill Road and Old Dominion Drive
- #31 – Georgetown Pike and Route 123 – right turn lane addition
  - #33 – Kirby Road and Old Dominion Drive – intersection safety
- #34 – Lewinsville Road and Spring Hill Road traffic flow improvements
- #38 – Route 123/Great Falls Street/Lewinsville Road Intersection improvements
- #41 – Spring Hill Road and Old Dominion Drive intersection improvements
- #157- Old Dominion Drive Walkway
- #202- Great Falls Street Walkway

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** support of the specific projects is made with the understanding that a final decision on implementing these projects will not be made until the MCA and the affected communities have been notified of, and participated in, both project feasibility reviews and project design reviews.

*Approved by the MCA Board of Directors  
Date 12/04/2013*



cc: John Foust, Dranesville District Supervisor  
Julie Ide, Staff  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Senator Janet Howell  
Senator Barbara Favola  
Delegate Bob Brink  
Delegate Jim Scott  
**Tom Biesiadny, Director, Fairfax County DOT**