

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2015**

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	Present

Board Members Representing Associations (20)

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	Present
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Bonnie Heebner	Madison of McLean	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Absent (excused)
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Absent (excused)
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Present
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Absent (excused)
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Present
Betty Yu	Kirby Road	Absent (excused)

Board Members At-Large (14)

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

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January 7, 2015 Minutes

Guests who signed in: Merrily Pierce, MCA Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair, Paul Kohlenberger, MCC Governing Board and McLean Historical Society, and Brian Trompeter, Sun Gazette.

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 December Minutes

The December minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Report of the Treasurer

The December 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.

She asked if everyone had received a snail mail communication about renewing your membership, and reminded Members to please send in your membership renewal.

Ms. Horn noted that we have three meetings scheduled so far for 2015, as described below.

- On February 18th we will have our winter membership meeting. The meeting will feature brief presentations from four local organizations that are making a difference in our community: McLean Community Foundation, McLean Trees Foundation, Safe Community Coalition, and Fairfax 2015: World Police and Fire Games.
- On March 11th MCA is hosting a public meeting on the Fairfax County and FCPS budget proposals. This meeting will mostly likely be in collaboration with John Foust and Janie Strauss. The meeting will be an opportunity to get a briefing on the budget proposals and to ask questions.
- Our annual meeting is scheduled for May 27; the speaker will be determined at a later date.

McLean day is on May 16th.

A motion to approve Jim Phelps as the Chair of the Nominating Committee was approved unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Horn reported that she has received a number of nominations for people interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, and that we will select the other members of the Nominating Committee at the February Board meeting.

If anyone else is interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please let Ms. Horn know today.

Marisa Zalmanis reported that the Membership Committee has been considering how to improve the web site. At the moment, we are comfortable that we can update the website ourselves. Over the next six months, we will be evaluating whether we should hire a service to manage our website.

Glenn Harris announced that the MCA newsletter will be going out shortly, and thanked all the committee chairs for their contributions.

Budget and Taxation – no report.

Education and Youth

Ted Alexander reported that the Committee has prepared a resolution regarding FCPS audit practices, and turned the discussion over to Louise Epstein. Ms. Epstein provided a brief history of MCA efforts in this area. She noted that the MCA passed a resolution in Fall 2012 with many of the same points as in the proposed resolution now before the Board. In that proposal, MCA recommended that FCPS hire an auditor general. FCPS moved forward on this suggestion and authorized the position, but the process to fill this position is moving very slowly. Another proposal to take managers off the audit committee was not accepted, and the School Board still has not decided whether to add two community appointees to the committee.

Since the 2012 resolution, there has been some incremental progress, but recently it appears progress has stalled. The current draft resolution that has been approved by the Education Committee recommends that FCPS add two community appointees to the FCPS audit committee, remove the three non-voting managers who serve on the audit committee, and strengthen the performance audit of FCPS.

Ms. Horn opened the floor to clarifying question about the proposed resolution. Many questions and a spirited discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on a proposal for alternative language made by David Pritchett on line 17; the motion failed. There were four votes for the alternative language, 20 against, and 5 abstentions.

After much discussion, revisions were made to language proposed by Mr. Pritchett to the final section of the resolution; the amended resolution was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Environment, Parks & Recreation

Merrily Piece reported on a number of issues:

- This summer the County will be replacing the water mains on Churchill Road, which may create major traffic problems. The Supervisor's staff will be working with the County on construction/traffic issues and we will be coordinating with their office.
- We are still working on various issues as part of the second phase of the Dead Run Stream restoration project. Again, the removal of trees in McLean Central and Stream Valley Park is a concern. The County got no response from homeowners along Elizabeth Drive whose backyards back up to the stream and whose yards provide an alternate route for machinery to putting in a road through the park. As a result, we anticipate that we will need to knock on doors to explain the project to them. We will do a stream walk with County staff in early Spring.
- There will be a County tree forum on April 12th at Lake Anne Center in Reston. Concern about urban tree loss continues to grow among homeowners in areas inside the Beltway, where tear-down-rebuild of older homes on larger treed lots continues to be a problem. This will be a topic of discussion at the meeting.
- An issue came up at the EP&R meeting regarding stormwater and drainage issues related to Saucy Branch and the stream valley, as well as with a proposed athletic field as part of the expansion of Lewinsville Senior Center. MCA's P&Z Committee met shortly after our committee and addressed these concerns.
- We are still working on getting a guest speaker on January 21st to talk about budget challenges impacting environmental and park related county programs.

Membership

Armand Weiss reported that we ended the year with 579 members. He urged all to rejoin MCA and talk to your friends and colleagues to encourage them to join.

Planning and Zoning

Mark Zetts briefed the Board on the proposed plans and changes for the independent living facility on Great Falls Road. He reported that there have been at least two community meetings on the proposal. The Committee will be preparing a resolution regarding this parcel that will be presented to the Executive Committee in the next few weeks. Ms. Horn asked if any Board member has any specific concerns that Mr. Zetts or the Executive Committee should be aware of.

Mr. Zetts mentioned a number of other issues that the Committee is tracking and working on:

- Proposed preschool and child daycare facility on Idylwood Road, which will soon be filed with the county.
- Proposed daycare and educational facility on Basil Road off Chain Bridge. There is a proposal that involves both nursery daycare and an education facility at this location; the neighborhood is quite concerned about the proposal.
- The Ashby wants to rezone the property, because they want to convert some retail floor spaces into 25 new dwelling units. The proposal would also request a reduction in the number of required parking spaces. While the committee was OK with the conversion of space from retail to residential, it was firmly opposed to the rezoning and the reduction of parking.
- Assisted living at Kirby and Westmoreland, won't be back to P&Z until February 24.
- Mount Daniel elementary school expansion, which is in the middle of a residential area. Falls Church City still needs to file a 2232 with the County. There is strong opposition to the City's expansion plan within the P&Z committee and the affected Mt Daniel/Elision Heights neighborhood, as the number of students would double.

Transportation

The committee is working on the issues of aircraft noise, a concern of some of our communities that are close to the Potomac River. The committee will be having a meeting next Tuesday, and is trying to get a representative of MWAA to attend. Time of the meeting is on the MCA website

Tysons Liaison

Rob Jackson reported that the committee will meet next week, 1/15 at 7:30 pm, and will finalized the committee's mission statement and discuss whom we want to invite as speakers to meet with the committee

Mark Zetts mentioned crime is up dramatically in Tysons, now that metro is open.

Public Safety Liaison

Ms. Horn requested that Mr. Smaldore collect information regarding crime in Tysons, and how it is affecting McLean, to be presented at a subsequent Board meeting.

MCC Liaison – nothing to report.

McLean Planning Committee

Jim Turner reported that they have been working on the proposed changes to the Ashby. As of now, the MPC has not yet taken a position.

Old Business/New Business

Sally Horn mentioned there are still some copies of the McLean History for sale for \$5.

Ms. Horn informed the Board that there will be some changes in committee chairs next year, and anyone on the Board who is interested in becoming chair of a committee should speak with her. She said that both Merrily and Frank will be stepping down, so we will need a new committee chair for Environment, Parks and Recreation. If anyone is interested in these topics, please talk to Mr. Horn or Ms. Pierce. She will keep the Board informed of any other committee chair vacancies.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

**The next MCA Board meeting date is February 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm
at the McLean Community Center**

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
7-Jan-15

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	12/3/2014				\$11,074.68
Additions					
	12/4/14		Centennial receipts \$1,425; Beer & wine sale \$356.83; Dues \$135; MCA history \$62.	\$1,978.83	
	12/19/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$14.26	
	12/29/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$14.26	
	12/29/14		MCA history book sales	\$20.00	
			Total: Additions	\$2,027.35	\$13,102.03
Deductions					
	12/4/14	1222	Francesca Gutowski for Centennial flowers	\$60.30	
	12/4/14	1223	Sally Horn for Centennial catering	\$4,113.46	
	12/4/14	1224	Sally Horn for Centennial wine and beer purchase	\$534.08	
	12/4/14	1225	McLean Copy for 12 poster prints	\$228.96	
	12/16/14	1226	Sally Horn for McLean Day deposit \$175.00 and mailing cost for sending MCA history books \$1.61.	\$176.61	
			Total: Deductions	\$5,113.41	
			Checking Total Current Value		\$7,988.62
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1%	11/6/14	1/17/15	\$5,932.58	
3000102774	APY .3%	10/31/14	3/2/15	\$5,772.68	
3000103064	APY .3%	11/3/14	6/12/15	\$5,942.24	
			CD Total Current Value		\$17,647.50
			Net Worth (Checking+CD)		\$25,636.12

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Crosby, Treasurer

McLean Citizens Association Resolution
School System Financial and Program Audits
January 7, 2015

Whereas, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) Board of Directors passed a resolution on November 7, 2012 regarding School System Financial and Program Audits calling in part for changes in the composition of the Audit Committee of the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) School Board to ensure its independence from management, see Attachment A; and

Whereas, the School Board subsequently voted to create a new Auditor General position, to be held by someone who would supervise both financial and performance audits done by the existing FCPS internal audit group; and

Whereas, the School Board subsequently voted for a FY 2015 Audit Plan, which did not allocate any internal auditor time or resources to analyzing FCPS program audits done by the Office of Program Evaluation under the FCPS Superintendent; and

Whereas, the School Board has been considering a proposal to add two community appointees to the Audit Committee; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the MCA:

1. Commends the School Board for:
 - a. creating the Auditor General position;
 - b. increasing the number of internal auditors who will report to the Auditor General; and
 - c. adopting a FY 2015 Audit Plan that includes some performance audits; and
2. Urges the School Board by July 1, 2015 to increase the functional independence of the Audit Committee by changing the Audit Committee membership to:
 - a. add two community appointees selected solely by School Board members, at least one of whom qualifies as a financial expert as described in Government Finance Officers Association Best Practice for Audit Committee, and
 - b. remove the three non-voting managers who currently serve as non-voting members or participants on the Audit Committee; and
3. Urges the School Board, in consultation with the Auditor General, to adopt Audit Plans for FY 2015 and subsequent years that allocate substantial time to having internal auditors:
 - meet with the FCPS Office of Program Evaluation (OPE) regarding the design and methodology of program evaluations, and
 - analyze OPE's program evaluations, and
 - report to the Audit Committee and, if appropriate, the full School Board on what was and was not analyzed in FCPS program evaluations, and

- identify processes needed to ensure independent, objective and transparent program and other performance audits by the beginning of FY 2016.

Cc: Tamara Kaufax, Chair, FCPS School Board
Ted Velkoff, Vice-Chair, FCPS School Board
Ilryong Moon, Chair, FCPS School Board Audit Committee
Dan Storck, FCPS School Board Audit Committee
Pat Hynes, FCPS School Board Audit Committee
Jane Strauss, FCPS School Board Audit Committee
Dr Karen Garza, FCPS Superintendent
Sharon Bulova, Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
John Foust, Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee
Michael Frey, Vice-Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee
Pat Herrity, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee
Michael J. Hershman, Citizen Appointee, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee
Christopher Wade, Citizen Appointee, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee
Ed Long, Fairfax County Executive



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School System Financial and Program Audits
November 7, 2012**

Whereas, the county's FY 2013 Budget includes a transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) totaling \$1.85 billion, or 52.2 percent of total county disbursements; and

Whereas, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Audit Committee Best Practice emphasizes the responsibility of the audit committee to provide independent review and oversight, and recommends that audit committees have access to at least one financial expert; and

Whereas, other jurisdictions' school board audit committees include voting members other than school board members, to provide financial expertise; and

Whereas, other jurisdictions' school board audit committees exclude individuals (other than School Board members) who are currently employed by the school district, or who provided goods or services to the school district in the prior two years; and

Whereas, the GFOA defines a financial expert as one who, through both education and experience, and in a manner specifically relevant to the government sector, possesses:

- 1) an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements;
- 2) experience in preparing or auditing financial statements of comparable entities;
- 3) experience in applying such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals, and reserves;
- 4) experience with internal accounting controls;
- 5) an understanding of audit committee functions; and

Whereas, the FCPS Office of Internal Audit does not evaluate FCPS policies, programs and its use of funding, staffing and other resources to ensure that they are deployed consistent with the School Board's intent; and

Whereas, FCPS programs are evaluated by the FCPS Department of Professional Learning & Accountability, which reports to the Deputy Superintendent; and

Whereas, the School Board Audit Committee includes three voting School Board members without financial expertise as defined by the GFOA and three non-voting managers plus a staff liaison; and

Whereas, the "School Board auditor" is not independent of management because she reports to an Audit Committee that includes the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and CFO; and

Whereas, the Superintendent and his staff participate in the hiring and evaluation of the "School Board auditor"; and

Whereas, the Supervisors' Audit Committee is comprised of four Supervisors plus two community members appointed by the Supervisors, and includes multiple financial experts; and

Whereas, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Internal Audit Office "evaluate[s] the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal control and the quality of program performance"; and

Whereas, the Supervisors' separate Office of Financial and Program Audit (OFPA), led by the Auditor to the Board, provides an "independent means for determining the manner in which policies, programs and resources authorized by the Board of Supervisors are being deployed by management consistent with the intent of the Board;" and

Whereas, the Supervisors select, evaluate and fire their Auditor of the Board; and

Whereas, the transparency and financial accountability of the school system would improve if the:

(1) School Board Audit Committee included two voting community appointees with financial expertise within the meaning of the GFOA who are completely independent of management; and

(2) School Board Audit Committee did not include any managers, even as non-voting members; and

(3) School Board established a separate Office of Financial and Program Audit, led by an independent Auditor who is hired and evaluated solely by voting Audit Committee members;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the MCA urges the School Board to:

(1) add two or more voting community representatives to the School Board Audit Committee, who are qualified financial experts as defined in GFOA best practices for audit committees and who are completely independent of FCPS management; and

(2) remove FCPS managers from the School Board Audit Committee; and

(3) establish a separate School Board Office of Financial and Program Audit to perform functions similar to those performed by the Supervisors' OFPA, and to be managed by an Auditor of the School Board who is hired by, evaluated by, and reports solely to an Audit Committee that has no members of management as voting or non-voting members; and

(4) change the title of the "School Board auditor" to "Director of Internal Audit," to more accurately reflect the responsibilities of that position and clearly distinguish it from the new position for an Auditor of the Board.

*Approved by the MCA Board of Directors
November 7, 2012*