

**McLean Citizens Association  
Board of Directors July 2014 Meeting  
July 2, 2014 Attendees**

**Officers (6)**

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

**Board Members Representing Associations (20)**

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Absent (exc.)
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven Forest Villa	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Wally Sansone, substitute
Bill Denk	El Nido	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Absent (exc.)
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Absent (exc.)
Bonnie Heebner	Madison of McLean	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Absent (exc.)
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Absent
Michele Pearce	Kirby Road	Absent
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
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

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

Ted Alexander	Absent (exc)
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	Absent (exc.)
Animesh Gupta	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
James Phelps	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

## **MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 2, 7:30 p.m.

Guests who signed in: Paul Kohlenberger, MCC and McLean Historical Society, Derek Richmond, Reena Singh, The Connection, Brian Trumpeter, Sun Gazette.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of June Minutes**

Minutes from the June 4 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for the prior month was approved unanimously by voice vote, see attached.

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

- Sally Horn provided information on a number of events that the MCA is involved in that will take place this fall:
  - The MCA, along with the Great Falls Citizens' Association, is co-hosting a debate between Barbara Comstock and John Foust that will take place in the Alden Theater on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9 pm. We are still finalizing the rules of the debate. Ms. Horn and Eric Knudsen, the President of the Great Falls Citizens' Association, will be the moderators, Glenn Harris will be the MCA rep to the team that will vet the questions submitted from the audience, and Louise Epstein will be the floor manager. MCA needs to supply eight ushers.
  - We are working with the Dranesville League of Women Voters, who is hosting a "meet and greet" event/debate for the candidates in the 8<sup>th</sup> CD on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MCC, to see if our rules are compatible. If they are, we will likely co-host that event. The League also is sponsoring a meet and greet in Providence District for the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.
  - The MCA will host a public safety event at the MCC on September 17 that Patrick Smaldore is spearheading.
  - The Transportation committee is hoping to host a meeting with a representative from the County to talk about transportation issues on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, is the MCA Centennial here at MCC.
  - Dr. Garza is currently scheduled to meet with the MCA on December 9<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting!

Please note that the September 3<sup>rd</sup> MCA meeting will not be at the MCC; it will be at 7 pm (note the earlier time) at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library.

### **Budget and Taxation**

Dale Stein reported that the proposal to hold a referendum on a meals tax for Fairfax County is now off the table, and not likely to be taken up any time soon. He reported that the Budget and Taxation committee hosted a very informative meeting with county representatives on the proposed meals tax. He reported that the Meals Tax Task Force was asked to address three questions about the tax: Should there be a referendum? What should the money be used for? When would be the right time to hold a referendum? The Task Force report did not

directly answer these questions, and instead provided pros and cons on each issue. He also noted that we came away with some "lessons learned," which is that the fulfilling the legal requirements for holding a referendum take at least four months, but that more time is needed to allow time to conduct outreach and education to the public before a referendum is put to a vote – that this kind of process cannot be rushed. He also noted that the County and Board of Supervisors would need to do much more research if they want to pursue a meals tax.

## **Education and Youth**

Ms. Horn relayed information provided by Louise Epstein. There has been a good amount of activity over the past month. On June 16, the audit committee of the School Board was given information on alternative audit structures, which will be brought to the full Board later in July. On June 26 the School Board voted to implement a new elementary school schedule beginning in September; they also adopted a new regulation on Student Rights and Responsibilities, designed to decrease suspensions. The School Board is expected to be briefed on new High School start times, including associated costs, later in July. This month, the School Board will elect a new chair, who will appoint a new head of the Audit Committee. In addition, the School Board is looking at the impact of restoring some High School honors course. FCPS has not yet issued promised regulations on class size caps or triggers.

## **Environment, Parks & Recreation**

Merrily Pierce reported that she has been asked to brief the MCA education committee on the pilot science program that took place at Churchill Road School. The Parks Committee will not meet in July and August, but they continue to work with the County on stream restoration issues and want to make sure that there are as few trees removed as possible. Ms. Pierce noted that the committee wants to look at a comprehensive, cooperative way to keep the green aspects of downtown. The Committee will have report for the Board in September on the stream restoration work with the County.

## **Membership**

Mr. Smaldore reported that we do not have an update this month on the membership count. The membership committee will follow up with those who did not renew their membership.

## **Planning and Zoning**

Mark Zetts reported that the JPG project was approved today. The project will now go through Site Plan approval, which could take up to a year. He also reported that the Residential Studio Units (RSU) proposal is off the table: The special RSU ad hoc committee could not come to an agreement on recommendations. Finally, he noted that in July we have two zoning cases coming up at Tysons and special amendment regarding the Lewinsville senior center.

## **Transportation**

Jim Phelps reported that the committee had been considering developing a resolution regarding a proposed bike and pedestrian lane at the Route 123 underpass under the beltway at Tysons Corner. However, because the committee could not reach consensus, they did not prepare a resolution. The VDOT proposal is now off the table, so there is no need for further discussion.

## **Tysons Liaison**

Mark Zetts and Rob Jackson provided a detailed presentation on the history of the comprehensive plan to develop Tysons and a summary of where we are now that generated a lively discussion of the issues still before us.

### **Public Safety Liaison**

Patrick Smaldore noted that On Wednesday, September 17, 7pm to 9pm, the MCA is sponsoring a National Preparedness Month program entitled ""**Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery in McLean: What you can do**"" in at the MCC in Community Hall Rooms A, B and C from 7-9 pm. There will be four panelists from four different agencies who are involved in emergency planning.

Mr. Smaldore informed the Board that there will be community emergency response team (CERT) training held at the Old Firehouse in the fall, which will be listed in the next MCC program guide. The training will be every Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00 pm from 9/23 through 11/4, and he encouraged everyone to attend, and for Board members to let their HOAs know about the training course. More information will be sent out to the Board.

### **McLean Community Center**

Mr. Smaldore reported that the MCC downtown and finance committee recommend deferring pursuit of a downtown facility a) until such time as the Ingleside renovation project is underway, b) the human and financial resources are better equipped to handle the planning of a downtown satellite facility, c) a revalidation study is completed to determine the need and demand, and d) the potential for a multi-partner downtown revitalization effort is more fully explored.

### **McLean Planning Committee**

Jim Turner noted that the Elm Street subcommittee did a wonderful job working on the JBG development.

### **McLean Revitalization Corporation**

No report.

### **Fifty-Plus Liaison**

Jim Phelps reported that the McLean Village Exchange (MVE) is potentially addressing a number of issues that the MCA might want to consider, and vice versa. MVE will meet again in late August and hopes to get more of the MCA area homeowner associations involved in that meeting. The MCA "Aging Up" Liaison group is planning to meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting will be a discussion of the relationship between MCA and the "McLean Community: A Village for All Ages" organization (MCVA). MCVA is the umbrella organization, sponsored by Supervisor Foust, responsible for coordinating the senior activity in the Dranesville district.

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

David Wuehrmann noted that the letter the MCA sent to the Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations withdrawing our membership has been posted on the Federation website, as we requested.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.**

**The next MCA Board meeting will be on September 3, 2014 at 7 pm (note earlier time!) at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional library.**

# McLean Citizen's Association Treasurer's Report

July 2, 2014

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	6/4/2014				<b>\$11,996.28</b>
<b>Additions</b>					
	6/5/14		Dues (checks + \$15 cash)	\$436.00	
	6/12/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$14.26	
			Total: Additions	\$450.26	<b>\$12,446.54</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
	6/3/14	1208	Sally Horn for Virginia State Corp. Commission filing fee.	\$26.00	
	6/5/14	1209	The Hartford for business owner's insurance 6-15-14 to 6-15-15	\$500.00	
	6/5/14	1210	KKP Business Solutions for 121 Spring mailing, 60 stamps, 2 name place cards	\$507.44	
			Total: Deductions	\$1,033.44	
Checking Total Current Value					<b>\$11,413.10</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1%	5/6/14	1/17/15	\$5,902.92	
3000102774	APY .3%	5/22/14	3/2/15	\$5,763.96	
3000103064	APY .5%	5/16/14	6/12/14	\$5,933.78	
CD Total Current Value					<b>\$17,600.66</b>
<b>Net Worth (Checking+CD)</b>					<b>\$29,013.76</b>

Checking accounts and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.  
Respectfully submitted, Bill Crosby, Treasurer