

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 1, 2015**

Officers (6)

President	Jeff Barnett	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Present
Second Vice President	Animesh Gupta	Present
Treasurer	Bill Crosby	Absent (exc)
Recording Secretary	Kate Probst	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Marisa Zalmanis	Absent (exc)

Board Members Representing Associations (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Absent (exc)
Elizabeth Baird	Cedars of McLean	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Absent (exc)
Louise Epstein	Downscrest Citizens Association	Absent (exc)
Darren Ewing	Olney Road Association	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Absent (exc)
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Absent (exc)
Bonnie Heebner	Madison of McLean	Absent (exc)
Robert Heilen	Pimmit Hills	Absent (exc)
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Absent (exc)
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent (exc)
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Present
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Present
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt	Present
Linda Walsh	Dominion/Brookhaven	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Present

Board Members At-Large (14)

Irv Auerbach	Present
Roshan Badii	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Thomas Culligan	Present
Andrea del Vecchio	Present
Madge Gazzola	Present
Anne Gruner	Present
Sally Horn	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
Paul Kohlenberger	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Absent (exc)
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Andrea Young	Absent (exc)
Mark Zetts	Present

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Guests who signed in: Jennifer Chronis, Board of Supervisors Candidate; Joann Berkson, Board Member, McLean Community Foundation; and, Kathy Smith, MCA member, Dunaway Racquet Club.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Report of the Treasurer

The June Treasurer’s report was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Approval of 2015-2106 Chairs & Liaisons

Committees	Membership	Animesh Gupta, Patrick Smaldore
	Transportation	Jim Robertson, Jim Phelps
	Budget & Taxation	Dale Stein
	Education & Youth	Louise Epstein, Elizabeth Baird
	Environment, Parks & Recreation	Merrily Pierce, Paul Kohlenberger
	Tysons	Rob Jackson, Mark Zetts
	Planning & Zoning	Mark Zetts, John Schaefer
Liaisons	McLean Revitalization Corporation	Roshan Badii (Secretary), Elizabeth Morton
	McLean Planning Commission	Jim Turner (Treasurer), Francesca Gutowski, Rich Salopek, Maya Huber + 4 alternates
	McLean Community Center	Patrick Smaldore
	Public Safety Liaison	Patrick Smaldore
	Tysons Partnership	Sally Horn
	Aging Up	Jim Phelps

The slate of committee and liaison chairs was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Jeff Barnett said he will send out an email to those not already serving on a committee to see if they might want to be one of the four people to serve as alternates for the MPC.

Partick Smaldore mentioned that if someone would like to be the MCC liaison, to let Jeff Barnett know.

Report of Executive Committee

Three new MCA Board members, Madge Gazzola, Anne Gruner, and Tom Culligan introduced themselves.

Glenn Harris reported that he is working on wrapping up the newsletter, which he is hoping to get out in mid-July. He thanked those who have submitted their reports, and asked those who have not yet submitted them to do so as soon as possible.

Jeff Barnett reminded all the HOA representatives on the Board that they should designate a specific person as their alternate, and to please send the alternates name and email address to him or to Kate Probst. Jeff will cc them from now on when he sends out the notice and materials for the monthly Board meetings.

Mr. Barnett sent around a spreadsheet with contact information for all Board members. Per a request from the floor, Jeff said that he will send that information to the full Board. Please let him know if there are any corrections that need to be made so we all have an up-to-date contact list.

Committee Reports

1. Budget and Taxation

Dale Stein reported that the Committee continues to work through what to include in its resolution regarding the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), which provides pension benefits for Fairfax County Public School teachers. The Committee met for a second time in June on this topic. They hope to have a resolution for consideration by the full Board at the September meeting. He noted that there are several other issues they are anxious to look at, in addition to the VRS issue, and that they will also bring in speakers on a number of issues in the Fall.

2. Education and Youth

Elizabeth Baird reported that the Committee continues to follow the Kings Dominion law issue; this is the law which prevents Virginia school districts from starting before Labor Day without a waiver from the State. The MCA has passed a number of resolutions in the past to try and repeal this legislation, and the Committee is discussing what steps might help to make progress on this issue.

The E&Y Committee continues to work closely with the budget and tax committee on the VRS pension issues.

The Committee is tracking a number of issues for the fall.

- Budget issues - We are expecting a very tight FCPS budget for 2017, and we are hoping to get the Dranesville representative to the Budget Tax Force to meet with us at the September meeting. In October, the budget task force is expected to present their recommendations to Dr. Garza.
- Class size: the County is proposing to increase average class size by ½ to 1 pupil. Currently, the average class size in the County ranges from 12 - 20; while the average class size in McLean is higher, 23-26. The Committee continues to watch this issue.
- Start times: we will be monitoring the change in start times.
- Curricular sequences: there is some discussion of reducing the number of classes students are required to take in High School, from the current load of 7 classes, to 6. We will follow this issue as well.

3. Environment, Parks & Recreation

Paul Kohlenberger reported that the Committee met on June 17. The Committee reviewed the 2nd Annual Churchill Road Sixth Grade Eco-Week project arranged by Committee co-chair Merrily Pierce. The committee is considering asking for Education & Youth Committee to help investigate scaling the program up to involve other McLean area schools and parks.

Mr. Kohlenberger called the Board's attention to progress on Phases 2 and 3 of the County's Dead Run Stream Valley Restoration project. Another public meeting and walk-through was held on June 9 by relevant County staff. The Committee co-chairs were among the many attendees. In response to feedback from the public, Supervisor Foust is convening a Task Force for the project and has asked Merrily Pierce to represent the Committee and the MCA. The Task Force will start meeting in July with the aim of having a final concept for the public in October, a 95%-completed design plan in January 2016 and a Final Design Plan public meeting in the Spring of 2016.

Committee member Ed Monroe asked how the MCA or the County might promote green building practices, and, it was decided that Mr. Monroe will research this issue and report back to the Committee.

A conference call was held by Animesh Gupta to consider his proposal for an MCA Family Movie Night, the idea being to both promote MCA membership and increase awareness and utilization of our parks. Since that time, the Committee has reached out to the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Parks and Recrea-

tion Department of the City of Falls Church to inquire about logistics and feasibility.

Finally, the Committee discussed planning for the 2015-2016 year. The committee plans on remaining engaged in the Dead Run Stream Valley Restoration Project, monitoring any forthcoming proposed changes to the County Noise Ordinance, and investigating expansion of invasive species management projects. A second annual Tree Forum was discussed.

The Committee also will monitor ongoing issues related to McLean parks, such as the proposed Langley Fork Park land swap, as well as follow the development and implementation of the Tysons Park System Concept Plan to promote parks in the Tysons part of McLean.

4. **Membership**

Animesh Gupta reported that the Committee is working with Education and Youth and the Environment and Parks committees to host a Movie Night in September or October. The Committee hopes that this event will get families with young children more involved with the MCA. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let him know.

The membership count in June was 635, and is now 531 – although this apparent decrease may be because the Committee has not yet had a chance to enter in memberships received in the past few weeks.

Activities in the next few months include:

- Membership bylaw review to bring the Membership year in line with the MCA year;
- MCA Movie Night Planning for September/October); and,
- Planning more family-friendly events, such as an MCA Drone/Kite Festival and/or a MCA Community Walk/Race.

5. **Planning and Zoning**

Mark Zetts provided an update on some of the planning and zoning issues the Committee has been working on.

- **Mt Daniel Elementary School Expansion:** this issue has been deferred until July 15th. There was a Planning Commission public hearing on 6/25. Mark Zetts testified at the hearing, as did David Wuehrmann. The planning commissioners were not happy with the proposal, both because it calls for a doubling of the number of students, and because the application lacked plans and elevations that would allow the commissioners to evaluate the extent of the proposed expansion.

- **Noise Ordinance Amendment** – On May 12, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the Noise Ordinance Amendment and, due to the amount of public comment, the Board deferred decision until June 23. On June 9, the Board met with staff to discuss modifications to the amendment and was unable to reach consensus on a few issues, such as residential noise levels and loudspeaker noise from public schools. Given this impasse, on June 23 the Board again voted to defer decision and to meet again with staff in mid-September to continue the discussion on the Amendment mark up. The Board’s intent is to adopt the Amendment into law later in the Fall. Before the May 12 public hearing, staff had made 7 changes in response to public comment. Staff incorporated 4 of the 19 changes requested in the May 6 MCA resolution on the Noise Ordinance Amendment.
- **Cityline Scotts Run Station North Rezoning** – was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Dr. Armani Special Exception Amendment** -- approved by the Board of Supervisors.

At its July 28 meeting, the Committee will work on a resolution for consideration at the September 9 MCA Board meeting regarding a proposed plan amendment to the Tysons Corner plan, which is summarized under “new business.”

6. **Transportation**

Jim Phelps reported on the Committees recent activities.

- The Committee held a special open-to-the public meeting on June 9th at MCC with Ms. Kelley Coyner, Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, for a briefing and discussion about the Route 7 Corridor Transit Study, attended by 11 Committee members and 10 guests. The goal of the study is to identify the best transit options in the Route 7 corridor between Tysons and Alexandria, a distance of 13 miles. The \$1 million study is focused on *Bus Rapid Transit* and *Light Rail Transit* options. A number of questions were asked by the attendees about the mix of rail and auto traffic; right-of-way tradeoffs; connectivity with other transit options; ridership forecasts; and the effect of increased density in the future. A follow-up briefing will be available in November, but progress of the study can be followed at www.envisionroute7.com/transit_options.
- No activity on the aircraft noise issue. Continued follow up will occur regarding the planned FAA study on airport noise in selected locations throughout the country. It is not known whether DCA will be included in the study.

- The Committee has determined that the best approach for MCA is to request that Supervisor Foust and Supervisor Smyth notify the Transportation Committee of proposed sidewalk construction waiver and modification requests in the portions of the MCA area in each of their Districts. This action would provide greater assurance that the MCA would find out about proposed waivers and modification requests in sufficient time to determine if a specific proposed waiver or modification was of concern, and, if so, express the concern in a timely fashion. A draft of the proposed letter will be prepared and circulated to Committee members for action at the July committee meeting.
- VDOT conducted two public meetings on concepts for modifications to I-66 Inside-the-Beltway. The PP Presentation used by VDOT has been sent to Transportation Committee members. The Federation is getting ready to publish its concerns about the concept, focused on tolls driving commuters off I-66 onto other roads; the need to improve the non-toll roads; the need for improved rapid transit along I-66 and the other roads; and the timing of the project should be moved to the left.
- The Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has finally approved \$39.9 million for the six-lane bridges on Route 7 over the Dulles Toll Road. The estimated completion date is May 2018.

7. Tysons Liaison

Rob Jackson reported the Committee met with Tom Biedsadny, the Director of Fairfax County DOT, and received an update on Tysons area transportation-related activities and projects, including Silver Line construction, Silver Line usage, bus service, and pedestrian and bike connections. Committee members raised questions about several intersections, especially the one at Route 123 and Route 7. Mr. Jackson noted that the Tysons Partnership has formed a consulting partnership help landowners and tenants comply with their transportation demand management obligations.

At our next meeting, the Committee will take a look at the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, mainly in the area of adjusting development triggers and caps. Jackson urged people who have concerns about Tysons to come to this next meeting to help us put together a position that we can get before the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. The hearing on the amendments is scheduled for December, so there is a lot of work to do before the end of the year.

Liaison Reports

1. Public Safety Liaison

Patrick Smaldore reported that he has been working on preparations for the MCA/Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce National Preparedness Month Pro-

gram, which will be held September 23rd at 7pm in the MCC. This will be the third consecutive National Preparedness Program done by the MCA.

The purpose for the program is to showcase the Fairfax County Community Resilience Program efforts to reach out to citizens through their HOAs; CAs; PTAs; non-profits; faith groups; community based organizations, and businesses, as community partners that are relied on for day-to-day services, in times of disasters.

There will be four main topics at the meeting:

- The Community Resiliency Group (CRG) and which Community Based Organizations are part of it, and how this will benefit the community in times of disasters;
- How Volunteer Fairfax will interact with the CRGs in times of disasters;
- How the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) interacts with the Community Based Organizations and the Businesses in their community to recover from disasters; and
- How OEM develops community and business emergency preparedness plans.

He encouraged everyone to attend this very informative session.

Mr. Smaldore noted that the Fairfax County 2015 World Police and Fire Games are going on now through July 5th.

2. McLean Community Center

Mr. Smaldore has been advocating for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course offerings to be included in the 2015 Fall MCC Program guide.

He noted that the planned MCC Remodeling will go to a 2232 review process in August. They are planning to add 7-8,000 square feet at a cost of about \$8 million. We will put the briefing we received on the proposed changes on the MCA web site.

Mr. Smaldore encouraged anyone who wants to get more involved to take over as the MCA representative to the MCC. He said it is a great way to get involved. Please let him or Jeff Barnett know if you would like to be the MCA MCC liaison.

3. McLean Revitalization Corporation

Roshan Badii reported that the design for the pedestrian median on Old Dominion has been approved, and that the County is looking to select a contractor to construct the project. She noted that they have to receive VDOT permits before the project can move forward.

She also reported that the retailers in the CBC could use help to improve their sales. The Business Improvement District (BID) committee of the MRC can help to promote the businesses. The committee is reviewing the commercial and res-

idential parcels in the CBC. The commercial properties are valued at approximately \$500 million.

The Gateway signs are ready to be installed pending VDOT permit, which will be issued in the near future.

The MRC is working to improve their website. They are hoping that we might be able to work in conjunction with local merchants, and include more information on the website on what is happening in McLean.

4. McLean Planning Committee

Jim Turner reported that there are no new redevelopment projects before the MPC right now.

5. Tysons Partnership – no report, the next meeting is in September.

6. Aging Up – no report

New Business

Tysons Rezoning: Tysons Corner Center CDPA/FDP 2014-PR-044

Mark Zetts provided information on the proposed rezoning. At the June 30 P&Z Committee meeting, representatives for Macerich presented information on their proposed amendment to a previously approved plan for residential and office development on the Tysons Corner Center property. The Committee is drafting a resolution on the proposed development plan amendment for discussion at the September Board meeting. Below, as background, is a little bit of history on this parcel and the proposed changes.

In 2007 Tysons Corner Center, owned by Macerich, received approval to build 3.5 million square feet of new residential, retail and office space. The proposed amendment relates to Phase 3 & 4 of the package. Phase 1 of the proposal has been built; and there are no plans to build Phase 2 in the near future. The requested rezoning is somewhat complicated, but the major elements are:

- Instead of constructing two office buildings and two residential buildings, construct one office building and increase the size of the two residential buildings.
- To increase the height of the two residential buildings by 85 and 75 feet respectively.
- Reduce the number of provided parking spaces.

The Committee will have a resolution for the Board to consider on this issue at the September meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next MCA Board meeting date is September 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hill Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

(across from Marshall HS on Rte. 7)

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1-Jul-15

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	6/3/2015				\$9,590.23
Additions					
	5/29/15		Dues (Paypal)	\$30.00	
	6/4/15		Dues (Paypal)	\$30.00	
	6/4/15		Dues (cash) \$30 and T-shirt sales (cash) \$60	\$90.00	
			Total: Additions	\$150.00	\$9,740.23
Deductions					
	6/4/15	1237	Jan Auerbach for teen award certificate holders	\$10.59	
	6/4/15	1238	Glenn Harris for "Join the MCA" sign	\$18.55	
	6/4/15	1239	Jim Robertson for McLean Day poster	\$21.47	
	6/9/15	1240	McLean Insurance Agency for directors and officers liability insurance	\$702.00	
			Total: Deductions	\$752.61	
			Checking Total Current Value		\$8,987.62
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY .8%	5/7/15	1/17/17	\$5,959.29	
3000102774	APY 1.4%	4/30/15	3/2/20	\$5,781.27	
3000103064	APY .3%	5/15/15	6/12/15	\$5,952.61	
			CD Total Current Value		\$17,693.17
			Net Worth (Checking+CD)		\$26,680.79

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Crosby, Treasurer