

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 2016 Sign-In Sheet**

Officers (6)

President	Jeff Barnett	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Absent (exc)
Second Vice President	Animesh Gupta	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
Elizabeth Baird	Cedars of McLean	Absent (exc)
Mauro D'Angelo	Pimmit Hills	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Absent (exc)
Louise Epstein	Downscrest Citizens Association	Present
Darren Ewing	Olney Road Association	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Present
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Bonnie Heebner	Madison of McLean	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Absent (exc)/ M. Calabrese
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Absent (exc)
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
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	Absent (exc)
Roshan Badii	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Thomas Culligan	Absent (exc)
Andrea del Vecchio	Absent (exc)
Madge Gazzola	Present
Anne Gruner	Present
Sally Horn	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
Paul Kohlenberger	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Andrea Young	Resigned
Mark Zetts	Present

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March 2, 2016 DRAFT Minutes**

Guests who signed in: April Georgelas (MCA), Desmond O'Rourke (WLHCA), F. Pardell, Karim Sang, Brian Trompeter (Sun Gazette), and Edward Wang.

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.

Report of the Treasurer

Bill Crosby summarized the February Treasurer's report, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Report of Executive Committee

Mr. Barnett announced the McLean Community Foundation has an opening on their board, as Kathleen Murphy resigned. The MCA Nominating Committee forwarded Amy Swaak, who is an MCA member, to fill the rest of the unexpired term. Her nomination was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Jeff provided a brief summary of the key dates regarding some key dates, regarding the MCA resolution on the FY 2017 County budget:

- MCA Membership Meeting: 23 March
- Next MCA Board of Directors Meeting: 6 April
- MCA Testimony before the Board of Supervisors: 7 April

Given this tight schedule, the April 6 meeting will have to figure out what we want Jeff to say on behalf of the MCA to the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed FY17 County budget. The Board of Supervisors does not actually enact the new budget until the end of April, so there will be some additional time to address these issues.

Committee Reports

1. Budget and Taxation

Dale Stein provided background information about the Fairfax County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (Budget) in preparation for discussion of a resolution regarding the Budget at the April meeting of the MCA Board of Directors:

The County's FY 2017 Budget was prepared by the County Executive Ed Long and issued in the middle of February. It is referred to as the "Advertised" Budget and covers the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (the County's fiscal year). From the time the Budget is issued, members of the Board of Supervisors hold town meetings to explain it to the community and obtain their feedback in all districts of the County. The Supervisors will finalize the Budget on April 19.

The Budget is "balanced." It includes expenditures of \$4.0 billion and an equal amount of revenue. The Budget is almost \$200 million, or 5%, larger than the FY 2016 adopted Budget.

The largest piece of the Budget expenditures, \$2.1 billion (52%) is transferred to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for schools' operations, infrastructure, and bond service. The amount of the FY17 transfer to FCPS is \$71 million higher than the FY16 transfer.

The remainder of the Budget expenditures, \$1.9 billion (48%) is for the County for public safety, construction, principal and interest payments on County bonds, reserves and other. The amount of the funds for County use is \$127 million higher for FY17 than in FY16.

The funds to pay for these expenditures will come from real estate taxes (residential and non-residential) 65%, personal property taxes 15%, and sales taxes and other sources 20%.

To raise that revenue, the Board of Supervisors set a maximum real estate tax rate increase in FY 2017 of \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed value, from the current \$1.09 to \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value, which could ultimately be reduced during final approval of the Budget.

The resulting real estate taxes would increase by \$319, to \$6,108 per year, for a residence which was assessed in 2015 at the County-wide average of \$519,134 (taking into account increases in assessed values, real estate tax rate, and Storm Water charge).

The resulting real estate taxes would increase by \$479, to \$10,566 per year, for a residence which was assessed in 2015 at the McLean average of \$885,556 (taking into account increases in assessed values, real estate tax rate, and Storm Water charge, and no change in the McLean Community Center and other tax rates).

The key outstanding issue in finalizing the County Budget for FY 2017 will be how much to transfer to FCPS. The School Board is asking the County to transfer the \$2.1 billion (cited above) plus an additional \$68 million to further increase teacher salaries

and reduce elementary class sizes. A critical question is, where those funds should come from; amounts budgeted for use by the County (and from where in the County budget); the amounts otherwise budgeted for use by FCPS; and/or, from a further real estate tax increase.

MCA's Budget & Taxation committee will meet on Monday, March 21 to discuss these and other Budget issues and to draft MCA's recommendations for consideration by the MCA Board of Directors. Dale urged MCA members who have particular interest and expertise in these and other County Budget issues (including public safety/police, libraries, and parks) to contact him and provide input before the committee meets in March.

2. Education and Youth

Louise Epstein provided information to the Board regarding some of the major issues in the FCPS FY 17 advertised budget.

One major concern of the Education and Youth Committee is that FCPS teachers are paid below market; this is especially true for mid-career teachers with 5 to 20 years experience.

The Advertised Budget includes \$40 million that will be used solely to increase teacher pay scales. In addition, it also includes roughly \$62 million to pay for a step increase (historically described as averaging about 2.5%) for over 90% of FCPS employees who are eligible for the step increase, plus a 1% Market Scale Adjustment (MSA) for all FCPS employees.

The Education & Youth Committee met jointly with the Budget & Taxation Committee on a resolution that:

- Endorses the inclusion of \$40M solely to increase FCPS teacher salaries, funded by one or more of the following:
- Reducing the proposed combined step plus MSA raise for FCPS non-teachers from about 3.5% to the proposed federal employee raise, of 1.6%;
- reducing the number of paid vacation days for FCPS 11- and 12-month contract employees;
- using more accurate budget assumptions regarding employee attrition;
- reducing the number of non-teacher positions; and/or
- increasing the County transfer to FCPS.

Louise encouraged MCA board members to contact her with comments about the draft resolution that Jeff Barnett circulated before the MCA board meeting, which will be voted on at the next MCA board meeting. Louise had already received comments before the March board meeting:

- Are FCPS still paid less than market if we look at total compensation instead of salaries for teachers?

- How much could FCPS save if it implemented the options listed in the resolution as ways to pay for higher teacher salaries.

3. Environment, Parks & Recreation

Paul Kohlenberger reported that the guest speaker at the February Committee meeting was Matt Meyers, from Stormwater Management at DPWES. Mr. Meyers reviewed the progress thus far on Phases II & III of the Dead Run Stream Valley Restoration project. Over the last two years, a series of iterations have been worked on. The projected tree loss in the park has been cut in half and SWM is working with individual property owners to discuss current plans. After their input is incorporated, a new plan will be presented at a public hearing some time in the next few months. The Committee will continue to monitor progress and will review the final concept proposal once community feedback has been taken into account.

Jane Scott Jones provided an update on playing fields in the McLean area. She noted that there are no plans for turfing existing fields, save at Langley Fork Park. Space for active recreation remains in high demand in our community.

As to the issue of tree loss due to infill development, there has been some action in Richmond. Senator Barbara Favola introduced SB361, which, in condensed form, passed both houses. It permits localities to post on private property that is being redeveloped with a single-family home that a lot regrading plan has been filed with the locality.

Locally, a follow-up meeting to the one convened by Supervisor Foust in December to address lack of County enforcement on tree preservation provisions is taking place as we speak. Merrily Pierce is representing the Committee there.

The Committee is currently trying to learn where the funding will be allocated from the 2016 Park Bond. It does not appear that development of Salona Park will be included.

It seems that a deal for the swap of FCPA-owned Langley Oaks Park for the federally-owned Langley Fork Park is in the offing. The FCPA is holding a public hearing on the swap at its Board Room in Fairfax on March 23 at 7:30pm. Written comments are welcomed.

Kohlenberger announced that the 3rd Annual Tree Forum will be held on April 20 in the Community Hall of the MCC. Co-sponsors include the McLean Trees Foundation, the Dranesville Supervisor's Office, the Urban Forest Management Division and the Fairfax County Tree Commission. New this year, representatives from the building industry will be invited to participate in a panel discussion and Q&A.

The next Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30pm at the MCC. Our guest will be Andi Dorlester from the FCPA, lead author of the Tysons Park System Concept Plan.

4. Membership

Animesh Gupta reported that our current membership count is around 650 members. The Membership Committee continues to work on a new MCA website. The Executive Committee will be meeting this weekend to provide input. We expect to make some revisions after that meeting, and then to send out to the full Board for review.

March 23rd Membership Meeting

Please share information on the March 23rd membership meeting with your HOAs and neighbors.

The meeting will be at 7:30 at the MCC, and we will have presentations from:

- John Foust + Joe Mondoro (CFO of the County)
- Janie Strauss + Kristin Michael (CFO of the schools)

McLean day is May 21st! We have sent out an online form for people to volunteer, if you have two hours to staff our booth, please email Animesh or Patrick!!!

May Membership meeting

Monday, May 23rd, 6:30, at the MCC

At the meeting we will elect the Board of Directors and Officers. The agenda will include:

- MCF Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Key achievements of past year
- Agenda for next year
- Q&A

Jeff Barnett reminded all Committee chairs that they, at the May 23rd meeting, they will each be asked to provide a five-minute report on the highlights of their committee this past year – just the big issues, what they have been working on the past year, and what is coming down the pike.

5. **Planning and Zoning**

Mark Zetts reported on the Committee's February activities, as below.

- Sunrise ALF – Kirby Road & Westmoreland – Special Exception request. Two year ago Sunrise requested a special exception, and then withdrew it. In January 2016, Sunrise re-submitted the application with changes to their original plan. They increased the amount of landscaping along Westmoreland and Kirby. The proposed building is the same size, height, and square footage as the original request. They also dedicated more right of way along Kirby Road, as requested by MCA. The increased right-of-way would allow the right turn lane on Westmoreland Street (for cars turning onto Kirby Road) to extend past Youngblood Street. There are 2-3 HOAs that opposed the project, but the HOA

abutting the development is in favor of it because it will preserve a swath of trees along the western border. A public hearing is scheduled for July 27.

- TEA Center – The Special Exception Amendment was approved, with the new provision that requires that NO children may be picked up from the facility between 5 – 6:30 pm. In addition, the facility is limited to 40 children in morning program and 40 children in the afternoon program.
- Mt Daniel 2232 – they did not appear before P&Z. At the February 2 Falls Church City Public Schools Board meeting, the Board decided not to apply for a Special Exception. They have said they will instead reactivate their deferred 2232 application to seek approval for the expansion of Mt Daniel Elementary school, but so far they have not done so. The County had recommended that they apply for a Special Exception permit, rather than a 2232 permit, as under a Special Exception permit the County would then be able to impose conditions. The latest plan calls for a small reduction in the proposed number of classrooms, from 36 to 32. The school currently has 17.

No one is scheduled to appear before the Committee in March. The Tysons Westpark: Arbor Row Block D application was finally approved.

6. Transportation

Jeff Barnett reported that the Transportation Committee has been working on the following issues:

- Chesterbrook Road Sidewalk Project
- American Legion Bridge Resolution
- I-66 Inside the Beltway Planning (including Tolls)
 - Dynamic Tolling

7. Tysons Liaison

Rob Jackson reported that the February meeting was cancelled, and that in March there has been a change in the agenda and the Committee will now hear from Captain Dean Lay, Commander of the Planning and Research Bureau of the Fairfax County Police Department, and Captain John Trace, Commander of the McLean District Station, who will talk about police protection in Tysons and the McLean district.

Liaison Reports

1. Public Safety Liaison

Patrick Smaldore reported that he has been reviewing the advertised FY 2017 budget for public safety activities, and that he has begun planning a June public safety program.

2. **McLean Community Center**

Patrick Smaldore reported on the MCC renovation project:

- The MCC has hired a contractor to do the work,
- The Renovation is expected to begin in early 2017
- The renovation is expected to cost \$8M cost (includes 10% contingency)
- The MCA may be "homeless" for < 18 months
- There are a number of cuts under consideration:
 - LED bulbs (\$69,909)
 - Front sidewalk (\$36,584)
 - Some site furnishing (\$22,200)
 - Glazing on windows (use film) (\$8,300)
 - Courtyard landscaping (\$6,300)
 - Courtyard paving (\$33,226)
 - Upgraded Community Room (\$57,200)
 - Lobby staircase (\$81,915)

Patrick noted that the election for the MCC Governing Board will take place at McLean Day, May 21st.

3. **McLean Planning Committee**

Jim Turner reported that there was no new business before the MPC in February. He noted, however, that the plan for downtown Mclean will be coming up soon for renewal, so the MPC discussed the process we want to use to review the plan and consider revisions. Jim noted that the development of Tysons is negatively impacting some of the businesses in downtown McLean.

Jim also announced that the MCA needs a new alternate to the MPC, as Andrea Young has resigned from the MCA Board of Directors. Roshan Badii offered to serve as the new MCA alternate to the MPC; her nomination was approved unanimously.

Fran Gutowski reported that JBG recently obtained a permit from the County for the Elm Street project (the holdup related to parking for construction workers), so we should see them break ground soon.

4. **McLean Revitalization Corporation**

Roshan Badii reported that there is a visibility issue with the Gateway sign on Old Dominion. The MRC is working to see if they can find some funding to move the sign to the side of the road.

She also noted that the MRC is working in collaboration with the County on a streetscape project on both sides of Chain Bridge Road. The streetscape project will involve installing brick pavers, lights, and landscaping along the Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion intersection. Thirteen small parcels of land belonging to the merchants will have to be donated or purchased. It is important to note that most of the parcels are close to the curbside and small, some are only 1 foot long. The MRC is hoping that the landowners

choose to donate the land to the Count. The budget for streetscape is limited. The owners have asked for an appraisal of the land parcels.

New Business

Jeff announced that Sally Horn wants to raise the issue of the sequence of when we take up resolutions at our monthly Board meetings.

Sally explained to the Board that she would like us to reconsider the order in which we take up resolutions during the monthly Board meeting. Her recommendation is that we revert to past practice, where we considered resolutions during the Committee reports, not at the end of the meeting under "new business." She noted that this is especially important for next month, when will be both a budget and an education resolution to consider.

A number of Board members weighed in, some supporting the proposed change, others supporting the change but saying that it is important to preserve flexibility for the President to structure the agenda for the monthly Board meetings as s/he sees fit. A number of Board members also suggested that it would be helpful to get the proposed resolution at least a week ahead of when they will be discussed, to allow Board members to review them.

Jeff Barnett thanked Sally for raising this issue in a collegial way. Subsequently, Jeff announced that the April Board meeting will be devoted solely to the Education and Budget resolutions, and that there will not be any Committee or Liaison reports at the April meeting.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS

(all in the MCC)

Membership Meeting

County/FCPS Budgets

Wednesday, March 23rd

7:30 – 9:30 PM

BoD Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th

7:30 – 10:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

Elections/Committee Reports

Monday, May 23rd

7:00 – 9:30 PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**The next MCA Board meeting date is April 6, 2016 at 7:30 pm
McLean Community Center**

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

2-Mar-16

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	2/3/2016				\$11,288.17
Additions	1-25-16 through 2/23/16		Dues (Paypal)	\$74.26	
	2/5/16		Dues (checks)	\$975.00	
			Total: Additions	\$1,049.26	\$12,337.43
Deductions	2/5/16	1244	Potomac Printing Solutions for printing and mailing 75 newsletters	\$340.18	
	2/5/16	1245	U.S. Postal Service for 1 year rent on MCA PO Box	\$134.00	
			Total: Deductions	\$474.18	
			Checking Total Current Value		\$11,863.25
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY .8%	2/24/16	1/17/17	\$5,999.38	
3000102774	APY 1.4%	2/24/16	3/2/20	\$5,842.46	
3000103064	APY 1.5%	2/24/16	6/12/20	\$6,014.33	
			CD Total Current Value		\$17,856.17
			Net Worth (Checking+CD)		\$29,719.42

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Crosby, Treasurer