

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 4, 2015**

Officers (6)

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

Board Members Representing Associations (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Absent (exc)
Elizabeth Baird	Cedars of McLean	Present
Mauro D'Angelo	Pimmit Hills	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Present
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	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Absent (exc)
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Present
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Absent (exc)
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	Absent (exc)
Tom Brock	Present
Thomas Culligan	Present
Andrea del Vecchio	Present
Madge Gazzola	Present
Anne Gruner	Present
Sally Horn	Absent (exc)
Rob Jackson	Present
Paul Kohlenberger	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Andrea Young	Absent (exc)
Mark Zetts	Present

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Forty-nine guests attended the November MCA board meeting and signed in. Eight were MCA members; a substantial number of guests indicated residence in greater McLean.

Call to Order

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

After noting the large number of visitors, Mr. Barnett asked who was not from McLean and not a member of the MCA. He then asked these attendees to join the MCA.

Mr. Barnett provided a gift pen to Officer Patrick Lucas, to thank him for his service to the community and his leadership at MCA meetings.

Mr. Barnett also introduced Mauro D'Angelo, a new MCA board member representing the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association.

Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Report of the Treasurer

The October Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

1st VP Report – Candidate Debates

Glenn Harris commented on lessons learned from the MCA's debates for local candidates running for State Senate, State Delegate, Dranesville Supervisor and Dranesville School Board representative that took place on October 18, 2015 at the McLean Community Center.

Glenn advised that the candidates comported themselves well, the audience was well-behaved, and MCA completed four debates in about three hours. The decision to obtain questions from MCA members in advance resulted in better-organized debates. However, some candidates ignored time limits; Glenn suggested that MCA be more aggressive in enforcing time limits in future debates. The debates also resulted in eight new people joining the MCA. Current MCA members appreciated receiving preferential seating for the debates.

Committee Reports

1. Ad Hoc Committee

Jeff Barnett thanked the ad hoc committee members -- Rob Jackson, Steve delBianco, Lizzie Baird, David Pritchett and Louise Epstein -- for their work in the controversy over NOVA Firearms and Franklin Sherman Elementary School.

Rob Jackson reported on the current status of the Committee's work. The Committee is the only group talking to everyone. He emphasized the committee's immediate goal: find a new location for NOVA Firearms that is beneficial to the business and at least 1000 feet away from any covered school (K-12, public, private or religious). Jackson added that the ad hoc committee members cannot disclose confidential information provided by the parties.

2. Budget & Taxation

Bill Crosby reported that in October, the Budget & Taxation Committee met with Jerry Gordon, President of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, in an effort to provide committee members with useful background for the next County and FCPS budget resolution. He reported that companies, unlike residents, pay more in taxes than they use in County-provided services. Fairfax County has 117 million square feet of office space, about 20 million of which is currently vacant. This vacancy rate may put add pressures on County revenues. Fairfax County remains an attractive location for many businesses due to our proximity to DC and our excellent public schools.

3. Education and Youth

Louise Epstein reported that the Education & Youth Committee agreed at its last meeting to move forward with a draft resolution recommending that the Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Centers, formerly known as the GT Center program, be restructured to provide more effective instruction and also be more sustainable. A draft resolution will be considered by the Education & Youth Committee at its next meeting, on Tuesday, November 17. The resulting resolution will then be circulated to the full MCA board before the MCA's December 2 board meeting.

Dale Stein, chair of the Budget & Taxation Committee, and Louise Epstein, chair of the Education & Youth Committee, will be meeting with the FCPS CFO regarding the FY 2017 budget.

4. Environment, Parks & Recreation

Paul Kohlenberger reported that, at the Committee's October meeting, Bob Vickers, the Fairfax County Tree Commission Chairman and Dranesville District Commission member, was a guest speaker; the Committee also was joined by State Senator Barbara Favola and MCA president Jeff Barnett.

Senator Favola listened to Committee concerns in relation to tree loss in area neighborhoods. She encouraged the Committee to exhaust all possibilities at the County level, and noted that she would be open to changing state law if the County deemed it necessary.

The Committee reviewed a recent Board Matter, presented and passed by Supervisor Foust, that focuses on tree preservation on public projects. Supervisor Foust's office is working on a similar measure to protect trees from private infill development, which the Committee will review.

The 'Stream Team' for the Dead Run Stream Valley Restoration project recently took a field trip to other completed stream valley restoration sites. Joyce Harris participated and reported back to the committee.

Joyce Harris spoke about the McLean Trees Foundation (MTF). The MTF recently secured a resolution from the McLean Planning Committee in support of the Downtown Tree Program that MTF is developing.

The Committee discussed a new project to compile and disseminate information about McLean-area parks.

At its November 18 meeting, Grace Han Wolf, who represents the Dranesville District on the Park Authority Board, is slated to speak to the committee, with a focus on the Langley Fork Park land swap.

5. Membership

Animesh Gupta reported that the MCA has 639 members, including some who joined last week. The Committee is working to make the member onboarding process easier. The MCA thanked the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for providing complementary tickets to its "Suits and Sneakers" event.

On November 22, the MCA will host its first free family movie event in the McLean Community Center; the movie is "How to Train Your Dragon 2." MCA is asking HOA/CAs to share this event with their listserv by 11/12. Animesh will share the flyer in an email.

Patrick Smaldore reported that the MCA will participate in the McLean Winter Walk on December 6th. He asked all members – especially Board members - and their families to meet for the walk at 2:15pm, at Greenberry's. Walk starts at 3:30pm.

The Membership Committee may sponsor a 2016 holiday party, and welcomes ideas from all members about how to make this event fun and memorable. Suggestions included inviting local student choral groups to sing, and having a Santa Claus. Please share Holiday Party ideas with Jeff.

6. Planning and Zoning

Mark Zetts summarized several projects that were considered by the Planning and Zoning Committee during its October meeting, some of which may trigger resolutions for approval by email before the next full MCA Board meeting.

The Committee is following a number of issues, summarized below.

- **Cityline Taylor Building C.** Developer is requesting final approval for an office building that is a slightly smaller than what was original approved, with 11 instead of 13 floors. The building will be located adjacent to the Park & Ride facility at the McLean Metro station.
- **Cityline Arbor Row Block D.** This building at the corner of Westpark Drive and Rt. 7 building was approved in 2012 as a 250-room hotel; the land was since sold to a new developer. The new developer is requesting approval to instead build 110 to 140 condominiums, with a large underground parking garage. Market-price units will be marketed for six months before the subsidized workforce housing units are listed for sale. County staff is working out the details on how to apply the County's 20% affordable housing requirement to condominiums that are resold in the future.
- **TEA Center.** This daycare center is negotiating with County staff on a special permit application to operate at the Sharon Mason Lodge near the intersection of Balls Hill Road and Rt. 193. The drop-off and pick-up of children will be staggered and coordinated with Cooper Middle School to minimize traffic congestion, and the TEA Center will initially be allowed to enroll 40 (instead of the requested 70) students in its after-school daycare. If the resulting traffic is not a problem, the TEA Center may be allowed to increase enrollment after a year of operation.

The Committee will bring two resolutions for consideration by the Board at the December meeting.

- **McLean Community Center.** The 2232 review is being modified to improve the method of storm water management. By re-routing the underground storm water pipes, the county will save 22 trees.
- **Mt. Daniel Elementary School.** Falls Church City Public Schools (FCCPS) asked Fairfax County to indefinitely defer its review of the 2232 application to expand MDES. We expect FCCPS to submit an application for a special exception, which would allow Fairfax County to impose conditions on its approval of the expansion. P&Z will extend an invitation to FCCPS to present its new plans after the County has accepted the Special Exception permit application.

Transportation

Jim Robertson reported that all board members are invited to hear the director of the Virginia Department of Transportation brief the committee on I-66, on November 10. He also noted that the Route 7 working group will meet again in early December.

Jim Phelps reported that the working group on the Noise study will have a report in January or February. Animesh Gupta provided information on the status of the noise survey.

Irv Auerbach reported that in response to a request by the Lewinsville Coalition, Supervisor John Foust asked the Board of Supervisors to consider a restriction on the use of Lewinsville Road by trucks. Hearings are scheduled for November 17, 4 pm.

7. Tysons Liaison

Rob Jackson reported that he has submitted final comments on behalf of the GTCC about the Tysons Comprehensive Plan, and thanked Betty Yu for her help. He plans to testify to the County concerning those comments. In addition, Jackson noted that no one has figured out a workable and easy system to help the community monitor developer compliance with their obligations under the Comprehensive Plan and the associated rezoning conditions. The County has had difficulty in the past enforcing proffers. This subject will continue to be a focus of the Committee's work.

Liaison Reports

Public Safety Liaison

Patrick Smaldore asked the Executive Committee to consider his proposal that our December and January Board meetings include 15-minute presentations about Community Resilience from the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and from Volunteer Fairfax, and, in February, a 15-minute presentation about the Nextdoor neighborhood application by Officer Patrick Lucas.

McLean Community Center Liaison

Jeff Barnett thanked Patrick Smaldore for obtaining a very reasonable price on the rental of the MCC space for the MCA's Movie Night.

Patrick Smaldore commented that, in the future, he and Andrea DeVecchio will discuss suggestions from the Executive Director of the MCC, George Sachs, about setting up MCA reception areas that coincide with MCC events to help increase MCA membership.

McLean Planning Committee (MPC)

Jim Turner reported that JBG brought to the McLean Planning Committee a proposal to replace an existing building on Old Dominion Drive with a new 7-story building with a 3.0 FAR, the highest in downtown McLean and similar to the FAR for Tysons buildings. The first floor facing Old Dominion Drive is slated to include retail space.

McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC)

Patrick Smaldore reported that McLean Gateway signs are expected to be installed in downtown McLean by November 19, that the MRC will have a new web site, and that the next MRC meeting is scheduled for Friday November 13.

Aging Up

Jim Phelps reported that the MCA and MCVA had a well-attended meeting about the Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) program with over 30 attendees; Jeff Barnett was the opening speaker.

NEW Business – Patrick Smaldore asked if we could have a moment of silence to honor veterans.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

The next MCA Board meeting is December 2nd, 7:30 - 10 pm, MCC

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TREASURER'S REPORT

4-Nov-15

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	10/7/2015				\$10,256.62
Additions	10/1/15 through 10/28/15		Dues (Paypal)	\$218.53	
	10/29/15		Dues (check)	\$30.00	
	10/29/15		Sale of t-shirt (cash)	\$15.00	
			Total: Additions	\$263.53	\$10,520.15
Deductions	10/7/15	1242	Animesh Gupta for MCA website renewal fee	\$168.71	
			Total: Deductions	\$168.71	
			Checking Total Current Value		\$10,351.44
Certificates of De- posit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY .8%	10/28/15	1/17/17	\$5,983.23	
3000102774	APY 1.4%	10/28/15	3/2/20	\$5,822.14	
3000103064	APY 1.5%	10/28/15	6/12/20	\$5,984.03	
			CD Total Current Value		\$17,789.40
			Net Worth (Checking+CD)		\$28,140.84

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Crosby, Treasurer