

**McLean Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 3, 2014 Sign-In Sheet**

**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	Wally Sansone for
Bill Denk	El Nido	Absent
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Absent (exc)
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Bonnie Heebner	Madison of McLean	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Absent
Betty Yu	Kirby Road	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent
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	Present
Roshan Badii	Present
Jeff Barnett	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Andrea del Vecchio	Absent (exc.)
Louise Epstein	Present
Darren Ewing	Absent (exc.)
Animesh Gupta	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
James Phelps	Absent (exc)
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

## MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.

Guests who signed in: Joyce Harris, McLean Trees Foundation, and Merrily Pierce, Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee.

### Call to Order

Sally Horn called the meeting to order at 7 pm, verified that there was a quorum, and encouraged everyone to sign in. Ms. Horn welcomed Betty Yu, who will be filing in for Michele Pearce for a few months, and also welcomed Wally Sansone, who is here for Steve DelBianco, who is out of town.

### Approval of July Minutes

Minutes for the July meeting were approved by a voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for the prior two months was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

### Report of President/Executive Committee

Ms. Horn provided a number of updates to the Board:

- We have a very full and exciting series of meetings this Fall, which are posted on the web site.
- MCA is co-hosting what will probably be the last Comstock-Foust debate before the election on Sunday Oct. 26 from 3 – 4:30 pm at the Alden Theater. We need more ushers, please sign up. MCA along with the Great Falls Citizen's Association will provide four questions that will be used to start the debate and if/when there is a lull in getting questions from the vetting team. We are asking each of the committee chairs to email one-to-three questions that they think are important to Ms. Horn and Mr. Harris by September 28<sup>th</sup> for consideration by the Executive Committee. If anyone else wants to suggest a question for the debate, please email them to us by that date as well.
- We are moving ahead on Centennial Celebration; in the next month or so, we will get invitations out.
- Mr. Harris announced that we plan to distribute the three MCA newsletters on Nov. 30, Feb 15, and May 15. Working back, this means that **the deadline for committee chairs to submit their reports to Mr. Harris are Nov. 15, Feb. 1 and May 1**. If you can submit them earlier, that would be even better.
- Joyce Harris from the **McLean Neighborhood Tree Program** provided an overview of the program, which is to encourage local residents to plant trees. The cost is \$50 and for that fee, a McLean Tree Program volunteer will come to your house, recommend a specific tree, help you plant the tree and then return in six months to check on the health of the tree. Ms. Harris encouraged MCA Board members to let their HOAs know about this program, as Fall is a great time to plant trees.

### Budget and Taxation

Dale Stein reported that the Budget and Taxation Committee will continue to focus on two critical issues: 1) the pension plans of the County and School System – the viability of the plans' structures, magnitude of the resulting obligations, and adequacy of their funding, and, 2) the outside auditors of the County and School System finances – initially focusing on what services

they perform (their contractual scope of work) and how often the role is competitively rebid. The committee plans to have a draft resolution on the first issue ready for consideration at the October or November MCA Board meeting. The committee will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month, EXCEPT in September, when it will meet on the fourth Monday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Horn noted that it would be good in the future to track when and how "leftover funds" (i.e., funds budgeted but not expended in a fiscal year) are reallocated. Rob Jackson noted that many years ago the MCA drafted a resolution on the process of deciding what to do with "found money" and that we might want to look at that proposal.

### **Education and Youth**

Ted Alexander noted that the committee will continue to look at many of the same issues as last year, and wants to support the Budget and Taxation Committee on the pension issue. Another critical issue is school start times; we want to encourage the County to move the start time to a more reasonable hour. Additionally, class size in the McLean area schools remains a concern. An independent auditor for both financial and performance remains an urgent need for FCPS. Ms. Horn reminded the Board that on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, FCPS Superintendent Garza will be speaking at an MCA event.

### **Environment, Parks & Recreation**

Merrily Pierce, EP&R Co-Chair, reported that Stella Koch, chair of the county's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), would be guest speaker at the committee's Wednesday, September 17 meeting, a date that conflicts with the MCA's Emergency Preparedness forum. The topic of conversation will be the county budget relating to parks and environment programs, which have seen significant cuts in recent years. The committee will continue to coordinate with the McLean Trees Foundation and the Park Authority's IMA (invasive vegetation removal) program in our local parks with schools and volunteers, and on other issues that may arise.

Frank Crandall, longtime chairman of the committee noted that he would like to resign as Chair of the committee in the near future and that the organization needs to have a plan for transition for committee chairs. Ms. Horn asked that anyone interested in serving as the committee Chair contact her.

### **Membership**

Armand Weiss reported that we have had a very busy and successful month, and we now have 529 members! Animesh Gupta and Marisa Zalmanis have been cleaning up the membership records. In the last two weeks, we mailed out 561 notices to people who had not paid their 2014 dues, and we are getting a good response. The Committee is reviewing various software packages which would enhance communications. Dr. Weiss reported that we have two separate reports regarding the survey/questionnaire that we sent out in the Spring: one addresses views regarding McLean and will be posted on our website; the other asks about interest in joining the organization and its committees; it has been shared with the Board. We are in the final stage of editing the report. Please send Armand Weiss any comments or corrections.

Mr. Gupta noted that the membership forms from new and returning members indicate which committees they are interested in, and that he will send an updated list with email addresses to each of the committee chairs. Ms. Horn encouraged all committee chairs to reach out to member who have expressed an interest in specific issues.

## **Planning and Zoning**

Mark Zetts reported that in July, the committee had a well-attended meeting with two developers from Tysons. The committee heard a rezoning application for a property at the corner of Route 7 and Westpark Drive, within ¼-mile of the Greensboro Metro station. The developer is proposing to develop three new high-rise buildings, two residential building, and one hotel over a period of many years in response to market demand. The existing Westpark Hotel would be demolished. He also noted the committee heard a second rezoning application for a property on Jones Branch Road directly across the street from the Hilton Hotel. The developer is proposing to build a single, seven-story residential building on the property, which is approximately ½-mile from both the McLean and Tysons Metro stations. At its September meeting, the committee will draft resolutions on these rezoning applications for the October Board meeting.

The committee expects to be very active the next few months as there are 4 active Special Exception (SE) permits applications. The committee was briefed on one of the SEs in September, a proposal to expand the Lewinsville Senior Center on Great Falls Street with 82 independent living units. The size of the expansion was a surprise as it cuts into the existing playing field. The property is owned by the Board of Supervisors and the developer will return to P&Z in the near future.

Mr. Zetts also noted that the Special Exception that was granted five years ago for Mark McFadden to operate a real estate sales office from a single family dwelling on Ingleside Avenue adjacent to the Giant in McLean has expired and Mr. McFadden has filed an amendment to renew the permit.

While the proposed RSU Zoning Ordinance Amendment is no longer active, it has not been officially closed by the Board of Supervisors. Tim Sargeant opined that it probably won't be closed and the county will start a process to educate county citizens on the need for low-income housing.

A number of Board members inquired about the status of the proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment. The Noise Ordinance is part of Fairfax County Code. A draft of the amendment was put out in April 2014, and after receiving much public comment the county is currently working on a second version of the ordinance which should be released by the middle of September. The proposal is contentious and there has been some discussion of having it go through the Planning Department for further overview, since it's tied so closely to land use and the environment, even though Planning Commission approval is not required to amend the County Code. There was a lot of discussion of the proposed ordinance, and agreement that we should track this carefully and consider drafting a resolution on the revised ordinance. Ms. Horn asked all Board members to let her know directly if there appears to be any action on this topic, and if it looks like they will try to move it without public input.

## **Transportation**

Jim Robertson reported that the committee will be developing a set of questions to pose to Tom Biesiadny, the Director of Fairfax County Transportation Dept. when the committee meets next week. The public transportation event with Mr. Biesiadny will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the MCC.

MCA received a letter in response to the Resolution sent to VA Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne about the pedestrian traffic light on Magarity road, stating that VDOT would conduct another traffic survey after the school year settled out in the fall.

## **Tysons Liaison**

Rob Jackson reported that we are reinvigorating our Tysons Liaison activity and also the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, which includes membership from nearby communities, including the Vienna Town Council and Providence District Council. The committee will meet in both September and October to get started. After that, it probably will not meet every month. The purpose of the group is to monitor activities at Tysons and stay informed on what is going on. It is important to note that we are not going to revisit or raise issues with the BOS-approved Tysons Comprehensive Plan and funding agreements.

## **Public Safety Liaison**

Patrick Smaldore noted the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course offering is listed in the Fall 2014 MCC Program Guide that came out in August. The CERT course is free and the 7 classes will be on Tuesdays September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 9:30pm in the Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFTC), located at 1440 Chain Bridge Road (next to the Giant Shopping Center). He also noted that some Board members have registered for the seven-week emergency preparedness training, and encouraged other Board members to sign up.

Mr. 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 the McLean Community Center conference rooms A, B, and C.

**McLean Community Center**, nothing to report.

## **McLean Winterfest**

The Board approved Mr. Smaldore’s suggestion that the MCA walk in the McLean Winterfest Parade on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

**McLean Community Center**, nothing to report.

**McLean Planning Committee**, no report

## **McLean Revitalization Corporation**

Roshan Badii reported that, in late June, the MRC and the MPC members had a joint meeting with the County Transportation planner looking at proposed intersection changes to mitigate Tysons’s traffic congestion in McLean. She also reported that the MRC applied for, and received, the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program grant of \$2898 from the County to install Welcome to McLean signs.

Ms. Badii reported that MRC members participated in McLean Commercial Revitalization District Public Space and Streetscape Maintenance Inventory that is spear-headed by the OCR, and that she was surprised by the number of sidewalks and curbs in need of repair. The OCR has prepared a list of items needing repair.

**Fifty-Plus Liaison**, no report this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned 8:25 pm.

**The next MCA Board meeting date is October 1, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
at the McLean Community Center**

# McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

3-Sep-14

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	7/2/2014				<b>\$11,413.10</b>
<b>Additions</b>					
	8/1/14		Dues (checks)	\$285.00	
	7/21/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$28.83	
	7/29/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$30.00	
	8/19/14		Dues (Paypal)	\$45.00	
			Total: Additions	\$388.83	<b>\$11,801.93</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
	7/9/14	1211	Animesh Gupta for survey and business cards	\$334.30	
	7/9/14	1212	Phil Pifer for debate ticket for Sally Horn	\$40.00	
	8/1/14	1213	KKP Business Solutions for 62 centennial post card mailers	\$107.66	
	8/1/14	1214	Sally Horn for Centennial caterer deposit	\$500.00	
	8/12/14	1215	Sally Horn for debate overtime fee	\$75.00	
			Total: Deductions	\$1,056.96	
Checking Total Current Value					<b>\$10,744.97</b>
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1%	7/7/14	1/17/15	\$5,912.79	
3000102774	APY .3%	6/30/14	3/2/15	\$5,768.32	
3000103064	APY .3%	7/1/14	6/12/15	\$5,936.30	
CD Total Current Value					<b>\$17,617.41</b>
<b>Net Worth (Checking+CD)</b>					<b>\$28,362.38</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,      Bill Crosby, Treasurer