

McLean Citizens Association Board of Directors

Draft Minutes, May 3, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers (6)

Susan Turner	President	Present
Dan DuVal	First Vice President	Present
Jim Turner	Second Vice President	Absent (Excused)
Germaine Broussard	Treasurer	Present
Mark Zetts	Corresponding Secretary	Present
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (21)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Herb Becker	Franklin Area Citizens Assoc.	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Assoc.	Present
Donald Borcherding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Assoc.	Present
Valerie Brown	Saigon Citizens Assoc.	Present
William Denk	El Nido Civic Assoc.	Present
Darren Ewing	Pimmit Hills Citizens Association	Present
John Foust	Timberly South HOA	Present
Louis Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Lynn Bays Fuechsel	McLean County Estates	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford Community Assoc.	Present
Stephen Keller	Salona Village HOA	Present
Brad Macomber	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent
Jody Marshall	West McLean Citizens Assoc.	Present
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Assoc.	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Assoc.	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Assoc.	Absent (Excused)
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Assoc.	Present
Paul Wieland	McLean Hamlet Citizens Assoc.	Present
Carleen Wood-Thomas	Ellison Heights – Mt. Daniel Civic Assoc.	Absent

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (12)

Robin Bates	Present
Mike Clancy	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Donald Finberg	Present
Ira (Jim) Hunt	Absent (Excused)
Margaret Malone	Present
Thomas (Tom) Moore	Present
Dale Murad	Present
Ed Saperstein	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Present
Sally Simms	Absent
Wade Smith	Absent (Excused)

Guests whose presence was recorded by signing in or by being introduced:

Tom Brock	McLean Resident
Steve Del Bianco	Franklin Park; Fairfax Co. Federation of Citizens Associations

Rob Jackson	Chair B&T Committee
Rosemary Ryan	Supervisor's Office
Brian Trompeter	Sun Gazette
Aranya Tomseth	The Connection

CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at McLean Community Center, Community Hall (sections B and C).

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Turner announced that Congressman Frank Wolf will address the B & T Committee at 7:30, May 16, at the Community Center. He will discuss federal funding issues for Metrorail's proposed expansion.

President Turner announced that McLean Day will be held Saturday May 20. She asked Directors to sign up as volunteers at the MCA stand. Elections for the McLean Community Center Board will be held on the same day.

President Turner announced that the Annual Members Meeting will be at 7:30 pm, May 25, at the Community Center. Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project spokesperson Marcia McAllister will address the meeting with an update on the project. International traffic consultant Bill Vincent will also speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA meeting of April 5 were taken as read and, after updates to the attendance list, were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(to be supplied)

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

No resolution.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No resolution.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No resolution.

REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

At the request of President Turner, John Foust described work of the Tysons Corner development subcommittee to which he belongs. An application was made to rezone Tysons Corner to Planned Commercial. The subcommittee has prepared a presentation to use as a basis for discussion with developers. A resolution on the application will be considered at a meeting on July 3. Proffers (85 pages long) have been drawn up but until the transportation network is in place, the subcommittee will recommend that the application not be approved. At present, the Tysons Corner development is an island accessible only by car. A bridge has been proffered. The overall plan for Tysons needs to be complete before any development takes place. Developers claim the area is a by-right entity and that they needn't wait for a comprehensive plan to be completed. Do Supervisors have to approve a plan because it is by right? – not according to Delegate Vince Callahan. Foust added that developer is asking to rezone, which is no longer a by-right development.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan DuVal stated that the website is being updated.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Steve Del Bianco reported in respect of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment that “The Federation had informed both the Planning Commission and the BoS that this first amendment should be deferred until we see objective criteria to limit modifications of minimum yards and maximum fence heights.

Last week, the first Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) was approved by the Planning Commission. Last night [March 2], the BoS considered the same set of ZOAs.

In my oral remarks to the BoS, I made it clear that the Federation understood the purpose and extent of this ZOA, and that we still think zoning standards should be articulated before granting new forms of relief. I suggested that they defer just the parts of this ZOA regarding minimum yards and maximum fence heights.

I'm not sure how many of the Supervisors appreciated the subtleties of this ZOA. The Chairman, for instance, did not agree that there is a distinction between “allowable density” and “lot yield”.

After my remarks, Chairman Connolly talked about the Board's role in supporting Cochran. And he questioned Staff about some of our points. The Chairman did get Staff to acknowledge that there

were no criteria in this first ZOA, but that they planned to have criteria for ZOAs coming in the months ahead.”

The bad news: “We lost by unanimous votes at both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors”.

The good news: “The BoS is on-record in support of Cochran and for having objective criteria for zoning relief”.

OLD BUSINESS

President Turner announced that this would be the last MCA meeting she will chair as President. She thanked members for their participation. She will be succeeded by President-elect Tom Brock. The Board showed its appreciation for President Turner, who will continue as a director representing Summerwood.

NEW BUSINESS

In connection with the Trees Foundation, President Turner asked Frank Crandall to describe the circumstances surrounding the interruption of the newspaper collection arrangements at Cooper Elementary, which brings in about \$25,000 yearly to the Trees Foundation for planting and upkeep of trees. Due to the addition of trailer classrooms at the school, the containers were moved further along slip road causing neighbors to complain because of the eyesore. The neighbors prevented the return of the emptied containers under threat of legal action. No written agreement exists with school about the arrangement. Dranesville District School Board Member Janie Strauss says the arrangement can continue for one year at most. There have been no containers for 2-3 weeks.

Director Herb Becker announced that he is moving from the area to live in a rural community. He thanked the MCA Board on which he had served on and off for 15-20 years. He will be succeeded by another Franklin Park representative. Herb exhorted MCA directors to be kind and respect each other’s opinion. “Honor your Board Members and allow freedom of expression”, he said. President Turner thanked Herb for the great work he did with [recently deceased] Dick Poole on the Trees Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

President Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Desmond B. O’Rourke, Recording Secretary