

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

Final Minutes, November 1, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers (6)

Tom Brock	President	Present
Rob Jackson	First Vice President	Present
Jim Turner	Second Vice President	Present
William Denk	Treasurer	Present
Mark Zetts	Corresponding Secretary	Present
Desmond B. O'Rourke	Recording Secretary	Present

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Assoc.	Present
Ted Alexander	Westberry HOA	Present
Brian Blood	Evermay Community Association	Present
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven/Forest Villa Association	Absent (Excused)
Germaine Broussard	McLean Commons	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area Citizens Association; FCFCA	Absent (Excused)
Darren Ewing	Pimmit Hills Citizens Association	Present
Louis Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Lynn Bays Fuechsel	McLean County Estates	Absent
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford Community Association	Absent
Patricia Marks	Stoneleigh Residents Association	Absent
Michelle Meehan	Greenway Heights Civic Association	Present
Robert (Bob) Philipp	Shouse Village Community Association	Present
James A. Robertson	Evans Mill Pond Owners Association	Present
Ed Saperstein	Glen Haven Farms	Present
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Present
Bill Stephens	Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association	Present
Susan Turner	Summerwood	Absent (Excused)
Paul Wieland	McLean Hamlet Citizens Association	Absent (Excused)
Stephanie Weisbroth	West McLean Citizens Association	Present

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS (14)

Robin Bates	Present
Mike Clancy	Absent
Chris Cole	Present
Frank Crandall	Present
Dan DuVal	Present
Donald Finberg	Absent (Excused)
Lawrence Glick	Absent
Stephen Keller	Present
Margaret Malone	Present
Chris Monek	Present
Dale Murad	Absent (Excused)
Bob Nagel	Present
Merrily Pierce	Present
Wade Smith	Present

Guests whose presence was recorded by signing in or being introduced:
Bill Byrnes Transportation Committee

Caethe Richardson
 Rosemary Ryan
 Aranya Tomseth
 Brian Trompeter

McLean Citizens Foundation
 Supervisor's Office
 The Connection
 Sun Gazette

CALL TO ORDER

President Brock called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at McLean Community Center, Community Hall (sections B & C). He verified that there was a quorum and reminded those present to sign in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Crandall announced the Environmental Quality Advisory Council's (EQAC) annual public hearing on the environment, Monday, December 11 at 7:30 PM, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax. Additional information 703-324-1380.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the MCA meeting of October 4 were taken as read and were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
 October 1, 2006

Checking Account

Beginning Balance - August 31, 2006				10,689.28
Add:	9/2/2006	Deposit		765.00
	9/9/2006	Deposit		255.00
Total - Adds				1,020.00
Deduct:		Check#		
	9/16/2006	1019	Tom Brock(book/fedex)	50.02
	9/16/2006	1020	Mark Zetts (past pres gift)	99.66
Total - Deducts				149.68
Ending Balance - September 30, 2006				11,559.60
Certificates of Deposit**				
	3000102773	APY 4.89%	5 mos - matures 12/30/06	5,000.00
	3000102774	APY 4.5%	9 mos - matures 12/2/06	4,000.00
	3000103064	APY 4.75%	10 mos-matures 4/12/07	5,000.00
				<u>14,000.00</u>
Net Worth				<u><u>25,559.60</u></u>

Checking account and certificates of deposit are at 1st Service Bank in McLean.

** CD values shown as face amount at initiation.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Denk
Treasurer

REPORT OF PRESIDENT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Brock referred to the successful October 26 General Membership Meeting addressed by Supervisor Joan DuBois. The next General Membership meeting in January will be addressed by Jack Dale, Division Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools. There will be a school budget Resolution at the February MCA Meeting. PTAs are welcome.

President Brock welcomed MCA Director Susan Turner's offer to become the MCA's liaison person with FairGrowth.org, an area-wide citizen organization.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association Resolution on the 2006 Bond Referendum

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has placed two bond issues on the ballot for referendum on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, these bond issues would authorize the County to sell bonds, as funds are needed, in the amount of \$125 million for Public Safety Facilities and \$25 million for Parks and Parks Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Facilities Bonds would be designated to renovate, expand and update three police stations (\$54.1 million), including the McLean Police Station, the West Ox Animal Shelter (\$17.0 million), the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station (\$12.0 million), the Fire and Rescue Training Academy (\$17.1 million), and several Capital Facility and Renewal Projects (\$24.8 million) which will improve public safety and civil and criminal justice facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Park Facilities bonds would be designated to acquire new parkland (\$10 million), to convert up to 12 existing natural-turf rectangular fields to synthetic turf (\$10 million) and to add 75 miles of trails and trail connections by 2013 (\$5 million); and

WHEREAS, each of these projects is worthy and would improve public facilities for the citizens of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors does not expect that the issuance of these bonds would result in any increase in the real estate tax rate nor jeopardize the County's Triple-A credit rating, which has been given to only 22 counties, nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the total increase in new bond indebtedness (\$150 million) can be accommodated within the County's debt service ceiling policy

WHEREAS, a recent economic study of housing prices by Moody's Economy.com, Inc. (Wall Street Journal, October 5, 2006, p. D1) predicts that home prices are likely to decline by more than 10 percent over the next few years in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, home prices in Fairfax County may decline over the next few years and reduce real estate tax revenues, on which the County is highly dependent, possibly forcing the County to pay more than 10 percent¹ of its combined general fund spending on debt service (principal plus interest) which would exceed the existing debt service ceiling policy unless real estate tax rates, which are already burdensome, were increased; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has not been aggressive in seeking substantial proffers from developers nor in collecting the proffers which were agreed to, which could increase the need for new bond indebtedness, as the MCA has pointed out repeatedly in the past; and

WHEREAS, the County in its 2004 bond referendum, received authority from its citizens to make certain improvements at Spring Hill Park which have been delayed until 2008 because the cost of these improvements exceeded the funding authority provided by the bond but the costs will surely not be lower in 2008, nor is it clear how the shortfall will be addressed; and

WHEREAS, new synthetic turf fields may require lighting which is expensive and does not appear to be addressed in this bond issue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MCA:

- 1) Supports passage of both 2006 Bond Referendums;
- 2) Strongly encourages the County to reexamine its forecast for revenue and spending for the 2007-2011 time period taking into account that housing prices may decline substantially;
- 3) Strongly encourages the County to redouble its efforts to obtain greater and more appropriate proffers from developers;
- 4) Strongly encourages the County to fully analyze proposed bond spending so that projects can be expeditiously planned and executed.

Distribution:

Each member of the Board of Supervisors
The County Executive
Each member of the School Board
Each member of the Planning Commission
Senator Janet Howell
Delegate Vince Callahan
Delegate Jim Scott
All local and regional news organizations
MCA Website

After discussion over five suggested amendments, the question was called and a vote on amending the Resolution as shown in the final version above was passed with 3 abstentions [John Adams, Rob Bates, Merrily Pierce] and 2 opposed [Desmond O'Rourke, Mark Zetts].

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

**McLean Citizens Association
Resolution on Preservation of Local Citizen Association Histories**

WHEREAS, the McLean Citizens Association represents local citizens associations in the McLean area, and

WHEREAS the MCA supports the preservation of local history, and

¹ Current spending on debt service is at 8 percent of combined general fund spending.

WHEREAS a member of the MCA has volunteered to collect and publish histories compiled by local citizen associations; and

WHEREAS three local citizens associations have already prepared their histories for inclusion in this compilation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the McLean Citizens Association that we:

1. Urge all local citizens associations to participate in the project and prepare their histories by April 2007.
2. Agree to fund up to \$200 the cost of printing copies of the compilation for local libraries, the Supervisor's Office, the MCA, and each participating citizens association.

Distribution:
Jan Auerbach

The motion was passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No resolution.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

McLean Citizens Association Resolution Supporting the Goals of TysonsTunnel.org

WHEREAS the McLean Citizens Association, in its letter of August 22, 2006 to Governor Kaine and Secretary of Transportation Homer, expressed its support, subject to certain fiscal protection, for the large-bore tunnel option for the Tysons metro extension recommended by the American Society of Civil Engineers Tunnel Review Panel; and

WHEREAS the McLean Chamber of Commerce has created TysonsTunnel.org. to continue consideration of the large-bore tunnel option; and

WHEREAS TysonsTunnel.org seeks to achieve:

- (1) public, competitive bidding of the Final Design and Construction of the Project;
- (2) simultaneous consideration of the Aerial Option and a 3.5 mile tunnel beneath the entire length of Tysons Corner; and
- (3) side-by-side competitive bidding of the Tunnel Option and the Aerial Option.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association expresses its support for the goals of TysonsTunnel.org.

Distribution:
McLean Chamber of Commerce
TysonsTunnel.org.

A motion by John Adams to amend the resolution by adding reconsideration and inclusion of Bus Rapid Transit option (within 1-3 above) failed. The motion was passed with 1 abstention [Bill Denk] and 1 opposed [Frank Crandall]. The Tysons I development decision has been delayed for 1 month.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No resolution. Frank Crandall reported that a workshop on Little Potomac Watershed will be held on December 5. The EP&R Committee has obtained the support of Congressman Frank Wolf regarding greater aircraft noise levels over McLean, as referred to in the Minutes of the MCA October meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Reported by Jim Turner

Scott Monett, the Chairman of Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of Tyson's Tunnel.org, visited to sell the view "it's not over until it's under" regarding the tunnel through Tysons rather than the aerial line approved by Gov. Kaine. Essentially, Tyson's Tunnel.org seeks 1) a full engineering study in order to make a side-by-side comparison of the two options, 2) a competitive bidding process to determine the engineer/ build construction manager, 3) to provide local citizens with complete facts and relevant information so they can make an informed judgment, and allow local citizens to express their views.

McLean Professional Park Subcommittee Chair, Winnie Pizzano, announced that her committee had held discussions with the new owners and they would be visiting the MPC in November to outline the streetscape plans they have.

Design Standards Subcommittee Chair Maya Huber, reviewed the committee's thoughts as they seek to revise the existing standards relating to sidewalks, commercial office walkways, bus shelters, street furniture, lighting, and so forth.

Franklin Sherman Elementary School Subcommittee Chair, John Roth, described a meeting he and Jim Turner had had with School and County officials regarding the plans the County has for improvements to sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, parking and landscaping as an addition is built for the school. The County seeks a waiver from McLean CBC requirements. At the November meeting the County is to make a presentation of its position.

MCLEAN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

Dan DuVal stated that the downtown McLean landscape design plan is still being approved. Putting utilities underground is still being discussed with landowners. The question is whether the required easements will cost money. Next meeting will discuss a \$1 million proffer from the Palladium group.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Brock adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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