

McLean Citizens Association (MCA)
Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2018
Sign-In Sheet

Officers

President	Dale Stein	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Present
Second Vice President	Martin Smith	Present
Treasurer	Bill Crosby	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Andrea DelVecchio	Present
Recording Secretary	Bruce Jones	Present

Board Members Representing Associations

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Excused
Elizabeth Baird	Cedars of McLean	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Excused
Louise Epstein	Downscrest Citizens Association	Present
Darren Ewing	Olney Road Association	Absent
Peggy Flaxman	McLean Country Estates	Present
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Sally Horn	Reserve HOA	Present
Paula Doyle	Evermay	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Excused
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Present
Wahid Sajjad	West Lewinsville Heights	Present
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent
Mary Schrodt	Chesterford	Excused
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Excused
Pindar van Arman	The Colonies HOA	Present
Linda Walsh	Dominion/Brookhaven	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Present

Board Members At-Large

Roshan Badii	Present
Jeff Barnett	Present
Ron Bleeker	Excused
Tom Brock	Present
Evan Draim	Present
Kelly Green Kahn	Present
Anne Gruner	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
Paul Kohlenberger	Present
David Lee	Excused
Debbie Matz	Excused
John Neumann	Present
Merrily Pierce	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Excused
Brian Shahkarami	Present
Patrick Smaldore	Present

Call to Order and President's Report

MCA President Dale Stein called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the McLean Government Center. Dale welcomed Paula Doyle, the new representative of the Evermay Association on the MCA Board, and Kay Bransford, recently appointed to be MCA's 50+ liaison.

Dale said that he sometimes receives requests for the MCA Board e-mail list from outside parties wishing to address the Board, and opened this topic for discussion. The conclusion reached was that the existing practice of not sharing e-mail addresses of Board members with outside parties should be retained. Outside parties may continue to address the MCA President, who would forward their material to the Board if justified/meritorious.

It was pointed out that, with the new integrated website-and-membership-operations-system provided by Club Express, Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs are now provided with MCA e-mail accounts with their respective MCA titles.

A question was raised as to whether to re-format the BoD Minutes, by relocating the attendance record from the front to the end. The conclusion reached was to retain the existing format.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2018 were approved.

Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report (following page) was approved by the Board.

**McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT**

7-Mar-18

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	2/7/2018				\$17,186.83
Additions					
	2/8/18		Dues (checks)	\$90.00	
	2/1/2018 through 2/28/18		Dues (ClubExpress)	\$600.00	
Total: Additions				\$690.00	\$17,876.83
Deductions					
	2/1/2018 through 2/28/18		ClubExpress for fees	\$134.30	
	2/10/18	1287	The Langley School for thank you at "I Love McLean" party	\$200.00	
	2/21/18	1288	Mary Pierce for "I Love McLean" party food and stickers	\$541.29	
	2/27/18	1289	Glenn Harris for "I Love McLean" party drinks	\$30.84	
Total: Deductions				\$906.43	
Checking Total Current Value					\$16,970.40
Certificates of Deposit					
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT	
3000102773	APY 1.1%	2/28/18	1/17/19	\$6,116.09	
3000102774	APY 1.4%	2/28/18	3/2/20	\$6,008.29	
3000103064	APY 1.5%	2/28/18	6/12/20	\$6,197.66	
CD Total Current Value					\$18,322.04
Net Worth (Checking+CD)					\$35,292.44

Resolution – Allocation of Costs of Fairfax County Programs

Chair Louise Epstein presented a draft resolution entitled “Assignment and Allocation of Expenditures” on behalf of the Budget and Taxation Committee.

The resolution points out that considerable County costs are not allocated in budget documents across programs for delivery of County services, but are, instead, charged 100% to the General Fund. The result is to understate the real costs of delivering these services. This is unfortunate since the real costs of services should be taken into account when determining user fees. The resolution also points out that costs are not treated entirely consistently between the budget, and audited financial reports.

The resolution urges the County to: seek ways to minimize costs not assigned/ allocated among County programs; be transparent as to differences in cost allocation methods between the budget and financial reports; and use better cost information to guide future decisions on expansion, scaling back, or discontinuation of programs, and cost recovery levels. Following adoption of some editorial suggestions, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

1. Education.

Louise Epstein reported on the recent public meeting with the new Superintendent, Dr. Braband, at Franklin Sherman Elementary School. Following the recent shooting episode in Florida, high school students are concerned about their safety. Teacher staffing continues to be a challenge, and there is considerable reliance on substitute teachers. There is interest in recruiting career switchers into teaching, in possible recruitment of part-time teachers, and in alternative teacher licensing.

2. Environment, Parks, and Recreation

Merrily Pierce reported that former longtime EPR Chair Frank Crandall has passed away on February 13. Frank had also served on the MCA Board for many years. His passing has been noted by a Resolution by the Virginia General Assembly in his honor, and in an article by Brian Trompeter in the Sun Gazette. The McLean Trees Foundation is accepting contributions in memory of Frank.

Committee Chair Ed Monroe said that, through discussion and survey, EP&R identified 2018 priorities as follows: local stream quality and storm water management, parks as ecological resources, and trails (walking, hiking, and biking).

Stream health: Responding to concerns about the amount of salt spread on roads during winter events that is leading to measurable increases in chloride levels in area streams, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is sponsoring a two-year pilot program with stakeholders and staff to develop a strategy capable of limiting chloride (salt) loads in streams in the Accotink Creek watershed. Lessons learned can then be used to address salt applications in the broader Northern Virginia area. Merrily Pierce is representing the MCA in the process.

3. Budget and Taxation

A public information meeting on Fiscal Year 2019 budget prospects had been held on March 5 with Supervisor Foust, the new County Executive Bryan Hill, and CFO Joe Mondoro. Residential property assessments have increased by 2%. On March 6, the Supervisors voted to advertise an increase in the property tax rate by up to 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Public hearings on the fiscal year 2019 budget, including the property tax rate, will take place during April 10-12. The Committee is working on a second draft of this year's Budget resolution.

The County has a program of property tax relief for low-income seniors. However, this is underutilized.

4. Membership

MCA will have a booth at McLean Day on May 19. The MCA Annual Meeting will be on May 24 at the American Legion Post on Balls Hill Road. Newcomers are welcome to attend.

5. Planning and Zoning

Sally Horn reported. Since the previous MCA BoD meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors had approved land-use changes for the MITRE campus, and a Comprehensive Plan amendment enabling mid-rise mixed-use development at 6707 Old Dominion Drive. MCA had testified in support of both proposals.

Pending matters are: (a) the actual rezoning for the 6707 Old Dominion Drive property; (b) the proposed Fitzgerald cluster development on Georgetown Pike at Saigon Road; (c) The Mile development in Tysons; (d) the Evolution project near Route 7 in Tysons; (e) an office building on Old Meadow Road; and (f) a request by Dr. Bhambri for waiver of minimum public street frontage.

6. Tysons

The Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) has invited Andi Dorlester, Manager of the Park Planning Branch, and her Park Authority staff to brief the GTCC on progress with parks and athletic fields in Tysons. MCA's Planning and Zoning Committee and Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee have been invited to hear her briefing and ask questions.

7. Transportation

American Legion Bridge (ALB). Committee Chair David Wuehrmann said that April 23 is the new target date for the proposed public information meeting on the ALB. Delegate Kathleen Murphy will attend. Because the bridge lies mostly in Maryland (with the southern shore of the river being the boundary between the two states), a public official from Maryland, such as a State legislator from Montgomery County, is also needed. This is being pursued by the Committee. The meeting will proceed on April 23 if attendance by a Maryland official can be confirmed. Representative Barbara Comstock has been approached and asked to attend, but has not yet confirmed.

Rob Jackson reminded the meeting that the proposal to add express lanes to the bridge had been endorsed by the Transportation Planning Board. He said that Maryland's proposal is now undergoing air-quality review.

Congestion problem at Georgetown Pike and Balls Hill Road. David said that the advisory group on which he, Sally Horn, and April Georgelas serve had received a briefing from VDOT on reform of the intersection. The proposal is to increase the number of northbound lanes on Balls Hill Road at Georgetown Pike from two, to three. The three lanes would be: left turn only; straight across only; and right turn only.

Route 7 expansion between Tysons and Loudoun County. Jim Robertson reported that this project (which increases the number of lanes to 3 in each direction, and includes intersection reforms, and asphalt path for pedestrians and cyclists) is a design/build procurement. It is expected that, following award of contract, construction will start in 2019 and be completed in 2024.

Liaison Reports

1. 50+. Kay Bransford pointed out that the McLean area has a larger percentage (33%) of 55+ population than Fairfax County generally (only 24%). She drew the attention of Board members to the McLean Community Village for All Ages (McLean CVA), a network of resources for 50+ residents.

2. McLean Community Center (MCC). Merrily Pierce said that the MCC is

negotiating for a 10-year extension of MCC's current lease for The Old Firehouse, which ends in October 2018.

3. McLean Planning Committee (MPC). Francesca Gutowski said that MPC has a Subcommittee that is reviewing the rezoning the 6707 Old Dominion Drive property. The MPC is looking forward to the upcoming review of the Comprehensive Plan for the McLean business district. Francesca reminded that MPC meetings are open to the public.

4. McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC). Roshan Badii said MRC is looking forward to the upcoming review of the Comprehensive Plan for the McLean business district. MRC considers that redevelopment is necessary to improve the business district.

5. Public Safety. Patrick Smaldore said that a Public Safety Preparedness Program will be held on April 11, co-sponsored by MCA, the Great Falls Citizens Association, the McLean Chamber of Commerce, and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Patrick will be assisting the Budget and Taxation Committee by reviewing the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget for public safety.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next MCA Board meeting date is April 4, at 7:30 pm, McLean Government Center.