

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc.
December 4, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Miguel Avila, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Dick Coogan, Jane Edmondson, Betty Grimes, Catherine Hollan, Benjamin Leung, Hugh Neighbour, Scott Schlegel, and Paul Wieland.

Absent: Doug Colvard, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, and Linda Somogyi .

President Paul Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the home of Dick Coogan.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ben distributed his spreadsheet of activity through November 30; the report was accepted. The certificate of deposit matures about January 12 and can be renewed at about 5.05% for one year; there will be a \$35 transaction fee. After discussion, it was decided to renew the same amount. Ben should recommend whether to renew for one year or a longer period.

Falstaff Park: Betty reported that she will organize the first annual cleanup in March or April to check and brush off the equipment.

Speeding, Police Actions: Dick reported some speeding tickets had been given recently.

Traffic Calming is on the top of Joan DuBois' spot improvement list.

Website: Scott reported from the committee (Linda, Betty, Scott, Doug and Dick) that he had found and compared several homeowner sites and identified desirable features as blue and white coloring and hovering over tabs. Bulletin board items after approval could be posted if password protected for access by Hamlet residents.

Action: Cathy moved that \$1,000 be made available for the initial rebuilding of the website; Scott seconded; motion was approved.

Proposed New Multi-Way Stop Signs at Titania and Falstaff: Paul gave the status that Nancy Bavisotto's request had gone to Joan DuBois' office and that Tania Cunha had sent a letter on to VDOT. A response is expected in February.

Possible Amendment to Hamlet Covenants: to be discussed at January meeting.

Nominating Committee: Charlotte is the chair of the nominating committee. Cathy and Ben have agreed to continue in office. President, vice-president, and two directors (Jane E. and Betty's seats) need to be filled.

Tysons Tunnel Inc. a coalition of business and community leaders, will hold a Town Meeting on December 4 at the Barns of Wolf Trap in a continuing effort to get Gov. Kaine to consider the tunnel option for Metrorail through Tysons Corner.

MYS: MYS has announced an initiative to add artificial turf to 12 playing fields in McLean over a multi-year period. Four fields are targeted for conversion in 2007: the government center “police” field, the Linway Terrace field, and two fields at Spring Hill Recreation Center. MYS also proposes to add lights to the police field. MYS officials briefed Lewinsville Coalition members at the November meeting. There is concern that lights would follow artificial turf. The Coalition will send a detailed response to MYS concerning the proposal, asking for statistics on the numbers of games expected to be played and amount of parking that will be needed if artificial turf is installed at Spring Hill. The improvements to the park authorized by the 2004 Park Authority Bond Referendum have been delayed until 2008.

Planning and Urban Design for Tysons Corner: Wade is attending the task force meeting tonight.

Helicopter traffic noise: Jane E. stated that a member of the Lewinsville Coalition, who lives in the Wilshyre development next to the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility and the Toll Road, had complained about increased helicopter noise. He thought that perhaps Gannett was using its helicopter pad. After checking with Fairfax County and Gannett, Jane was able to confirm that no approvals have been granted for other helicopter pads in the Tysons/McLean areas. The yellow helicopter that was sighted probably was a TV traffic-reporting vehicle. Dick reported that police helicopters hover 1000’ high and circle, but do not land; then they return to Centerville to land.

Christmas Garlands: Jane asked when the Christmas garlands would be going up on the Hamlet entrance walls. Charlotte offered to check with the McLean Hamlet Garden Club and suggest they go up ASAP.

Landscape Committee: Jane K. is away.

Hamnet: Jack is away.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations(FCFCA): Gerald Connolly is looking for support for placing cameras at stop lights; currently they are not allowed by state law. Environmental legislation was discussed at the last FCFCA meeting.

Lewinsville Coalition (LC): Jane E. had no more to add to the topics already discussed.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC): The British Embassy hired a landscaper to attend to its properties throughout the Hamlet; job done.

Membership: Betty reported she received two more checks bringing the total dues paid to 431 of 507 or 85%. Charlotte suggested to Paul the president should write a letter to the embassy-owners suggesting the embassy should require their renters to pay Hamlet dues.

Safety: Dick reported that he has completed his class and fully recommends Fairfax County Citizen's Police Academy to anyone interested . It is a ten-week class Thursdays from 6:30 to 10 pm, held twice a year, with classes of 30. A different facility is visited each week. Monday, December 11 there will be a program at the Ball Hill police station on the status of burglaries.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 8 at Miguel Avila's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hollan