

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2006

Present: Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Rinaldo Campana, Doug Colvard, Dick Coogan, Jane Edmondson, Betty Grimes, Catherine Hollan, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, Benjamin Leung, Hugh Neighbour, Kim Saxenian, Scott Schlegel, Linda Somogyi, and Paul Wieland.

President Paul Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Linda Somogyi's residence.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report distributed by Ben was accepted.

Falstaff Park: Kim Saxenian reported the Mastenbrook Grant matching funds of \$2,000 will be voted upon February 22. Merrifield Nursery has provided an itemized plan for planting. Our \$2,000 check should be made out to Fairfax County Park Authority to obtain their Merrifield discount. Our three oak trees are sitting, ready to go in. They will be planted 18' off the path and separated 20' apart each. Location of the tether ball will be moved. An additional \$150 a year is needed for mulch and supplies.

Action: Jane E. moved, Scott seconded, and the Board approved that the \$150 a year needed for mulch should be added to the budget.

Three-Way Stop Sign: The Board of Supervisors will vote tonight and if approved, will tell VDOT to proceed.

Connector/Metro Bus Issues: Paul and Jane E. met in early January with a number of County/State transportation officials to discuss the feasibility of a new bus stop for the 425 and 427 Connector routes; Wade Smith has suggested changes to the 24T Metro bus route.

Falstaff sidewalk overgrowth: Jane K reported the owner intends to have the growth trimmed by mid-March.

Erosion Runoff marker wall on Macbeth: no change to report.

Website: Linda expects to have made some more changes in the next two weeks.

Lewinsville Coalition dues: Jane E. reported that payment of dues was suspended this year due to the financial health of the organization.

Artisan law: Paul reported having researched the topic to find there is no "artisan law," just a caution to not get sued over publishing contractor lists. Paul passed around a printed copy of a list kept by Hallcrest Heirgts homeowners group. Their contractor list is maintained by the president, and is not published. Should copies of the McLean Hamlet's contractor list be available at the annual meeting? Should electronic copies of our list be made available upon request? The Board will review this topic.

Action: Jack will send a HamNet reminder that a contractor list exists and residents may send recommendations.

HamNet messages: Should we send a message concerning the Family Watchdog web site which identifies registered sex offenders in neighborhoods? It was noted there are several other bonafide web sites. The Board decided to take no action on this. Should we send a message noting the Pleasant Grove Church is available for rental for meetings and receptions, that they will have a Black history month program on February 18?

Action: Scott will word a generic message about the Pleasant Grove Church offerings.

General Membership meeting: April 20 (third Thursday) was chosen for the meeting. Betty will contact the Spring Hill School to schedule our meeting. Guest speaker will be Joan DuBois.

Newsletter: Articles need to be submitted by March 15 with copy to Joe Parisi and to Paul Wieland. Joe will need to get it to the printer by April 1 and Charlotte will be organizing the mailing by April 8.

Yard sale: Charlotte announced the yard sale will be May 6, Saturday.

Lear/Snow Meadow water runoff: Rinaldo Campana discussed a problem with water runoff that is cutting a path on the easement from the Hamlet behind Lear/Snow Meadow. Paul gave him the name of a helpful staffer in Joan DuBois's office to try to get help with this and with redirecting runoff down Lewinsville Road. Rinaldo also noted that Dick Eichorn has been very sick and in the hospital (later emails have indicated he is now fully recovered and is at home).

Landscaping: Jane K. had nothing more to report. Winter is a quiet growing time.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: Scott reported that the speaker Dr. Brad Draeger, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer for Fairfax County Public Schools, spoke on the No Child Left Behind Program which provides Standards of Learning for grades 3-8. The NCLB Act was passed in January 2001.

Lewinsville Coalition: Jane E. reported no progress in obtaining an easement required to complete the trail along the east side of Spring Hill road north of the park. A possible trail could be constructed across the street, but it is unlikely that VDOT would allow a crosswalk. Constructing a trail across the island at Spring Hill and Lewinsville Roads is at an impasse since Dominion Power will not agree to it without indemnification, which the County will not give. Winchester Homes has reduced its plan from 21 to 20 homes, still too dense for the Coalition, which wants closer to 2 houses per acre.

Transportation, Trails, & Tysons Corner Study Group: Wade Smith is attending this meeting tonight.

Architectural Control: Paul reported the tree has been cleared near the corner of Touchstone Terrace and Falstaff Roads.

Membership: Betty reported one more dues check has been received.

Safety: Dick reported that on January 25 that a woman returned home to confront a burglar inside her house. She was able to report his car license plate so that he was caught and subsequently identified as having burgled some seventeen homes in McLean and Falls Church.

McLean Citizens Association: Paul reported they passed two resolutions on February 1, (1) to request the Fairfax County Park Authority develop a plan to rehabilitate the trails, bridges, and bikeways in McLean Central Park; and (2) recommended approval of the expansion requested by the Methodist Church on Rt-123. He passed out applications for the \$15 a year membership in MCA and urged everyone to join.

Next meeting will be March 6 at the residence of Jane Edmondson.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Hollan, Secretary