

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc.
July 10, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Sam Agarwal, Miguel Avila, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Doug Colvard, Dick Coogan, Betty Grimes, Catherine Hollan, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, Benjamin Leung, Wade Smith, Scott Schlegel, Linda Somogyi, and Paul Wieland. Absent: Rinaldo Campana, Jane Edmondson, and Hugh Neighbour.

President Paul Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at his home.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer Benjamin Leung distributed his report of activity through June 30 and noted the landscaping bill yet to be paid would use the unspent revenue as budgeted.

Picnic: Sam Agarwal is organizing the picnic again this year. After checking the Redskins home and away dates, the Board chose September 10, with raindates of 17th and 24th. Events will be as in prior picnics. Jack Kalish has a truck to pick up tables; Linda and Ben will help with soft drinks; Sam has the grill; Wade, Sam, and Scott have ice chests; Wade has a trash can; Betty will set up the membership and name tag table. Dick should get the replacement frames (and yard sale signs) to announce the picnic. The newsletter and HamNet email should announce the picnic. A newsletter must go out by the end of August; articles must be received by the beginning of August; Jack will solicit articles of interest for the newsletter and board members will write shorter versions of usual topics.

Falstaff Park: Betty reported that Merrifield planted two beds of perennials (one by the street). The Garden Club has not yet planted flowers near the sign, but were reminded that they have \$150 for mulch and maintenance from the Board. Cindy Sullivan on Oberon is the keeper of the key for the bulletin board; notices are using 3x5 cards or half sheets of computer paper. Scott noted that tree sap is thick on the circular slide. How to clean it off?

New bus stop & Metro bus route 24T: Paul and Wade contacted county and VDOT personnel who agreed to wait until fall when there will be more information available about possible route changes when plans for Tysons and rail to Dulles are more firm. For the proposed new Connector bus stop, a possibility is to have the bus stop at the Recreation Center.

Helicopter noise: A McLean Citizens Association committee is monitoring helicopter and airplane noise in the area.

McLean Trees Development (Newspaper Recycling at Cooper Middle School): After a complaint by a neighbor of the Cooper School, the School Board granted a one year grace

period before the recycling dumpster has to be removed (to comply with the law). Smaller bins are filling up more quickly and Saturday helpers have vanished.

MCA Resolutions on Spring Hill Park: Lewinsville Coalition and MCA will be involved in decisions on the design of traffic pattern changes and additional parking at Spring Hill Park. Planning has been delayed until 2008, with construction planned in 2010.

HamNet Safety message: Safety notice was sent warning of children on bikes, in-line skates, scooters, and motorized scooters playing in our streets and also safety issues regarding speeding and joggers and walkers in the streets. Dick received several replies. He is coordinating matters with the police.

Storm Flooding: In response to a HamNet message, Paul had several messages about severe flooding during the recent storms at the intersection of Oberon and Capulet. Is VDOT responsible to unblock drains? Fairfax County is responsible only for grassy area storm sewers. Paul organized all messages and sent them to the Supervisor's office with a cover letter asking for help looking at it. Scott was told that drains are designed to clear 1" of rain per hour; the recent storms were much in excess of the specs.

\$150M County Bond Issue is on the November ballot. \$10M is for artificial turfing of athletic fields in Fairfax County. Public hearings should be held before a decision is finalized for each field proposed for the change. There are health and environmental issues with synthetic turf, and there are also concerns about the impact on surrounding neighborhoods because synthetic turf fields can be used 24/7 and 365 days per year. Plans call for at least one field conversion per county district. There will be pressure to light a field that has artificial turf to be able to use it more. The two fields on the north side of the Spring Hill Recreation Center might be candidates for artificial turf, but other fields in the McLean area probably will be converted first.

Messy sidewalk near intersection Lewinsville and Swink's Mill Roads: Betty has received complaints regarding this messy sidewalk. Jane Kalish reported that a maintenance crew has already cleaned this spot this year and the Board will continue to pay to have it cleared several times a year. Jack noted there were discarded coiled lines, perhaps from Verizon or Cox.

Old records and paperwork of the Hamlet Board have been stored at Rufus Porter's home and should to be preserved for historical value. Traditionally the president passes files on to the next president.

Landscape Committee: Jane K. reported having deer nibbling in her garden.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations is on summer break now.

Lewinsville Coalition meets next on July 11. The Board of Supervisors approved Winchester's application for the McLean Glen project (19 homes) on Lewinsville Road.

McLean Bible Church appealed the decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals not to allow college study, and lost its appeal. Mark Johnston of Summerwood has agreed to chair a subcommittee to look into traffic calming on Lewinsville Road. Two options are under consideration. One would require the approval of certain homeowners along Lewinsville Road. The Brzezinski trail is a dead issue until he sells the land.

Transportation, Trails: Wade reported that the Pimmit Run Trail segment is a missing segment in trails from the Potomac to Route 7 and Old Dominion toward Arlington. There are some easement issues to get the trail open. Plans for the sidewalk under the toll road are approved and construction should be completed by late fall.

Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force is on summer break and will meet the last week in August. Wade reported that a special committee is looking at tunneling for the Tysons area as part of the rail to Dulles project and will pass its recommendations to the state of Virginia for the final decision.

Architectural Control Committee: Charlotte and Paul have coordinated and approved plans of several owners for fences and other covenant matters.

Website: Dick needs to buy a copy of MS FrontPage 2003 for website compatibility to maintain the real estate and safety sections on the website. The Board approved the \$200 expense.

Membership: Betty had in hand a tall stack of envelopes containing information sheets and annual dues checks. Her bulk mailing which solicited the annual dues was sent in late June and was turned around very quickly by the 22102 post office. Letters were received by residents the day after they were taken to the post office.

Safety: Dick reported police clocked speed on Falstaff near Lewinsville; most people slowed to a safe speed, but that probably was because drivers saw the speed trailer as they turned and instinctively slowed. He will work with the police to try to have the trailer positioned elsewhere in the Hamlet. There were a spate of local area break-ins (one attempted break-in on Falstaff) and auto tamperings in late June; a HamNet notice will be sent.

Hamlet Swim & Tennis Club: Doug reported there is a meeting July 11 to discuss the expansion design plans for the clubhouse and to obtain drawings. Three bids will be solicited. The club board hopes to get permits by the end of the year and start work in January. If delayed, rather than start in the spring, they will delay the clubhouse construction until the fall.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 7 at the residence of Charlotte Bassett-Zimmerman.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hollan