

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc.
June 5, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

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

President Paul Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Catherine Hollan's home.

Miguel Avila was welcomed to the Board. He will join the Architectural Control Committee.

Minutes of the April and May meetings were approved.

Treasurer Benjamin Leung was away but left a report of activity through June 30, which was distributed.

Falstaff Park: Paul sent out a "great job" letter and email naming all participants in renovating the park and a letter to Michael Kane, Director of Fairfax Park Authority. Betty reported that generally moms with children under six are using the park in the morning and school-age children are coming after school. There are no flowers yet from the McLean Hamlet Garden Club. The bulletin board is ready for notices. Betty was directed to use her judgment regarding what is posted there. The bulletin board currently displays a notice for Hamlet yard sales, a vacation house rental, and a teenager looking for babysitting. Specifics for babysitting will also be directed to the person who handles our babysitting list.

New bus stop & Metro bus route 24T: Nothing to report.

Wall situation at 1319 Macbeth Street: The wall now meets Fairfax County requirements; the situation is resolved.

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): A complaint by a neighbor of the Cooper School is being resolved. There is now a one year grace period granted by the School Board before the recycling dumpster has to be removed (to comply with the law).

McLean Glen Development: The Board of Supervisors' will hold the public hearing on June 5th on the Winchester Homes' application to build 19 homes on 8 acres. It is expected to be approved. Winchester agreed to increase the amount it would give the Park Authority to \$50,000.

MCA Resolutions on Spring Hill Park: Paul will present at the June 7 McLean Citizens Association (MCA) Board meeting a resolution recommending that the Lewinsville Coalition and MCA be involved in decisions on the design of traffic pattern changes and additional parking at Spring Hill Park. Paul reported that MCA has a new president and that he, Paul Wieland, continues on the MCA Board as our Hamlet representative and as the co-chair of the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee. Wade Smith also continues on the MCA Board as an at-large member.

Sign-Up sheet was passed around for board members to select a month to host a board meeting next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2006.

HamNet message: Dick will draft a safety notice for the HamNet, warning of children on bikes, in-line skates, scooters, and motorized scooters playing in our streets and also safety issues regarding joggers and walkers in the streets.

Landscape Committee: Jane K. reported that almost all the entrances have been planted and mulched and the island has been started. She wants to see how the perennials do before planting more. She is still looking for helpers to water; Betty suggested the Boy Scouts might be enlisted. Miguel suggested that an automated system might be used for watering; it releases a little water every so often when watering is needed.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: nothing to report.

Lewinsville Coalition : Mark Johnston of Summerwood has agreed to chair a subcommittee to look into traffic calming on Lewinsville Road. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets June 6 on McLean Bible Church's petition to overturn the county's zoning administrator's ruling that a special exception amendment would be required for MBC to continue to offer college-level classes by Capital Bible Seminary.

Transportation, Trails: Wade is away.

Architectural Control Committee: The yard debris has been removed from the street at the house at the corner of Lewinsville and Falstaff. A golf trailer that was sitting on the street has been moved out of sight behind some bushes. Charlotte and Paul have spoken to several owners about fences and other covenant matters.

Website: Linda reported she is back from her travels and will be working on giving the new site a nicer look and feel.

Membership: Betty is working with Sandy Turner on re-editing, printing, and mailing the 2006-07 membership dues letter. She plans to send it to all Hamlet homes by the end of June.

Safety: Dick reported there was a shooting nearby, but he has no detailed information. A company has been advertising curb painting in the Hamlet for \$25, or two entrances for \$35 (higher than our last Hamlet-sponsored project at \$7 or two for \$10).

Swim Club: Doug reported there was an open house Sunday, June 4. The club is getting bids for the renovation. Betty remembered the complaints we received last summer regarding cars speeding through the Hamlet to drop off children at the swim club. Betty asked Doug if a suggestion could be made to the non-Hamlet members of the club to drop off their children at Spring Hill School (as access is readily available to the swim club along a path). This might cut down on the total number of cars that enter our neighborhood.

Next meeting will be the second Monday, July 10 at the residence of Paul Wieland.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hollan