

MCLEAN HAMLET CITIZENS, INC.
May 1, 2006
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Minutes of the April 20 meeting have not been distributed yet.

Treasurer Benjamin Leung distributed next year's budget as compared with this year's activity. The line for "Community Outreach--Legal" was removed as a one-time past expense. "Dues" expense will be relabeled "Federation Dues." The revised budget was accepted.

New bus stop & Metro bus route 24T: We are waiting to hear back on this.

Wall situation at 1319 Macbeth Street: The wall is being opened; the situation is almost resolved.

General Membership Meeting: We had good speakers and a good program. Perhaps Connelly should speak next year (an election year).

Helicopter noise: One person is now tracking helicopter and airplane noise in the Hamlet.

Tunnel Option through Tysons—Rail to Dulles: There is much interest again in the tunnel option. There are now 16 estimates and the Board of Supervisors likes a tunnel solution.

McLean Trees Development (Newspaper Recycling at Cooper Middle School): A complaint by a neighbor of the Cooper School is being resolved. MCA is working this out to continue the activity.

Falstaff Park Bulletin Board: Betty and Georgie have keys to the board and are monitoring notices. County policy is that no "for sale" items are allowed; however, it appears that this is not enforced.

Policy on HamNet messages: The board agrees no charity notices should be posted. There was a recent request to post for Angels for Wounded Veterans.

Lawn Debris: There are many bags of lawn debris that have been sitting for some time in the street by the house at the corner of (W)Lewinsville and Falstaff Roads. The house is for sale with a new real estate office. If the bags are not picked up soon, Paul will call the owner. (Note: the bags were removed within two days after Paul's call.)

Proposed McLean Glen Proffer: On May 11, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Winchester Homes' application to build 19 homes on 8 acres at "McLean Glen." Hugh Neighbours suggested an additional proffer that could be part of the approval (although perhaps coming too late to get sufficient attention) to construct median areas in Lewinsville Road from the west end of Spring Hill Elementary School eastward to about Meadow Green Lane to beautify the area and slow traffic. Not all board members agreed that median areas would be a good thing. It was agreed that a statement of support for such a proposal be prepared for consideration by the LC during its meeting on May 2.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: Scott reported that State Senators Richard Saslaw (35th Senate District) and James O'Brien (39th Senate District) were the guest speakers. They spoke on transportation and tax issues. They are considering raising the tax on gas, generally prefer a consumption tax. The transportation budget has operation and maintenance money only, no new construction. The use of HOV by any hybrid car is likely to be rescinded—25% of HOV drivers are hybrids—HOV lanes were intended to move more people, not save gasoline. Northern Virginia is 27% of VA population, contributes 40% of the tax revenue, but receives only 18% of tax revenue spent, although it does receive over 75% of all Mass Transit Funding (much provided by the Federal government). Affordable housing is a major concern—average income in Fairfax is \$85K but the average home costs \$471K and the median price is \$531K. 2/3 of Fairfax County residents couldn't afford to live here.

Lewinsville Coalition : Jane reported LC meets on May 2. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard 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 classes by Capital Bible Seminary.

Yard Sale: 29 households have signed up for the sale on May 6.

Architectural Control Committee: The owners of a house in the 8000 block of Falstaff are expanding with a three-car garage; they say they received approval of their plans, but the ACC does not remember that their approval included the garage expansion. In the future a written logbook of what has been approved will be kept that can be posted on the website.

Website: Linda reported she is having trouble getting into the new site.

Membership: One dues check was received.

Safety: Dick had nothing to report.

Lumineria Date: Scott asked if there would be greater participation if another date than December 24 were chosen. Charlotte said the date was chosen after surveying the

Hamlet several years ago. The neighborhood supports the date and the back-up dates of December 25, 31, and January 1.