

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc
FINAL Minutes from the Board Meeting
December 3, 2007

Present: Miguel Avila, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Dick Coogan, Doug Colvard, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, Benjamin Leung, Joe Parisi, Scott Schlegel, Ralph Ward, and Paul Wieland.

Guest: John Mealey III

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of Dick Coogan.

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as written.

Budget Report: The MHCI CD (~\$15,670) is maturing in January 2008. It was agreed to wait until the January 2008 meeting to decide how much of the maturing CD to reinvest. Otherwise, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Paul Rodgers demand letter: Paul, Ralph and Joe updated the Board on the status of the "demand letter" sent on behalf of Paul Rodgers, a response to which is due by December 5. Paul briefly outlined the draft response that he wrote with input from Ralph. Paul's intent is to send the letter to Mr. Rodger's attorney by Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 4). Paul and Ralph's letter on behalf of MCHI will indicate that the demand is without merit and that no monetary compensation is being offered. MHCI does not have formal legal representation at this time. Joe and some Board members renewed their concern that legal representation should be sought immediately to protect the interests of MHCI. Ralph and Paul proposed a Hamnet message to inform the Hamlet residents of the demand letter and the potential legal action and to indicate that MHCI was looking for legal representation for this matter. It was felt that the draft Hamnet message needed revisions, thus comment would be sought by email as soon as possible. Since it became apparent that the MCHI insurance policy excluded IP matters, Paul has requested that Nationwide Insurance send a complete copy of MHCI's insurance policy for a thorough review of the terms, conditions and exclusions of the liability coverage.

A Village for the Aging: It was noted that one organization around Fort Hunt near Mount Vernon has about 350 members who pay \$800-1,200/year. Charlotte brought a guest, John Mealey III, who is interested in helping organize the Village for the Ageing.

McLean Hamlet Park: A leader is still needed to initiate an Invasive Vine Management Program and organize other Park improvements, in coordination with the Park Authority.

2008 Meetings: A sign-up sheet was passed around for hosting the monthly Board meetings during 2008.

Complaints: No new complaints reported.

Architectural Control: Miquel reported that Gannett recently sold a parcel of land in Tyson's Corner on which a 23-story building will be built. The Fairfax County Economic Development

Authority is apparently gung ho for its construction. Ralph reported that Jack Eakin, a long time Hamlet resident, with a life time of real estate experience has expressed interest in helping out on the Architectural Committee.

Luminaries: Charlotte reported that distribution of luminaries by the Garden Club is running about the same as previous years and thanks all the “block captains” for their efforts.

Entrance Care: Jane reported that she/they are waiting until all the leaves have fallen to prepare the entrances for winter.

Hamnet: As a follow-up to several emails during November about what guidelines should be followed for Hamnet postings, Ralph circulated a proposed set of SOPs for Hamnet operation. In brief, anyone can propose to the President that a message be sent. When approved, the message will be forwarded to the Editor for distribution by email. In the President’s absence, the Vice-President shall review messages. Non-controversial messages deemed to be both important and time-sensitive can be approved by the Editor if neither the President nor Vice-President is available. Only a couple proposed aspects prompted discussion. With regard to “duplication” of information, initiatives or other matters that affect the Hamlet that had already appeared in local newspapers, it was agreed that they can still be distributed via Hamnet and that no special mention needed to be included in the SOP. For requests for additional information from a Hamnet recipient, the Editor shall answer such questions if he/she is readily able and copy the President and committee chairperson, as appropriate. All other requests shall be forwarded to the President with copy to the committee chairperson, as appropriate. The Board agreed that the Editor can obtain a commercial (email/listserv) account at MCHI expense, if doing so would enable sending Hamnet messages to all recipients at the same time. The operating procedure was approved with minor edits, as above (copy attached).

Safety: Fairfax County established “Strike Teams” this summer in its efforts to enforce zoning, building and safety violations to address illegal boarding houses. Although there are no known instances in the Hamlet, the Teams are operating in the northern and southern parts of the county.

Tysons Corner: The Tysons Land Use Task Force convened a special expanded meeting on November 26 to discuss transportation planning for the future of Tysons Corner. The presentation described future transportation options that are being considered for traveling into, out of and within the area, as well as the analysis for evaluating these options. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/>.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: The Board approved renewal of annual dues (\$40).

Lewinsville Coalition: Wade Smith has been working on transportation issues and has information available and would like to know more. Fairfax County Park Authority and McLean Youth Soccer officials announced Nov. 2 that they have entered a public-private agreement to put synthetic turf on two existing fields on the north side of Spring Hill Park. The Coalition gave its support provided MYS not seek lights at the fields for at least eight years after the new turf is installed.

The NEXT MEETING will be January 7 at 7:30 pm at Jack and Jane Kalish's house, 1360 Macbeth St.