

**McLean Hamlet Citizens
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes, February 5, 2007**

Present: Miguel Avila, Dick Coogan, Jane Edmondson, Betty Grimes, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, Benjamin Leung, Scott Schlegel and Paul Wieland. Board Members absent and excused: Doug Colvard, Cathy Hollan, Linda Somogyi and Hugh Neighbour.

President Paul Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and introduced Ralph Ward, a long-time Hamlet resident, who has agreed to serve as president as of July 1, 2007.

Assistance for the Colvards

- Jane will prepare a Hamnet message asking for help in preparing meals and dog sitting after discussion with Doug.
- Jane will prepare a Hamnet message about the Maytag dishwasher recall; the message will also recommend that Hamlet residents provide an emergency number to the Board. Paul and Miguel remarked that it was difficult to reach the Colvards to let them know about the fire.

Minutes

- Approved with no further changes.

Treasurer's Report

- There was very little activity for the month of January. The report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Speeding, Police Actions

- Stealth pad placed on Falstaff at an unknown location in mid-December without Dick's knowledge.
- Police official told Dick that 75% of cars exceeded speed limit; in subsequent e-mail, percentage was 25%. Dick will seek clarification.
- Smart trailer that displays speed of approaching vehicles will be deployed in the near future at two different Falstaff Road locations
- Paul will send a letter to Attorney General Gonzalez to request that his security detail obey the speed limit and observe stop signs in the Hamlet.

Traffic Calming on Lewinsville Road

- Supervisor DuBois included \$150,000 for a median strip in front of Spring Hill School in her recommendations for the 2007 Bond for Pedestrian Projects.
- Funds for completion of a trail segment on Spring Hill Road from Pettitt Court to Old Dominion were also included.

MHCI Web Site

- Linda has hired someone to revamp the web site.
- Scott will get a progress report from Linda.

Proposed New Stop Signs

- VDOT has determined that Falstaff Road does not qualify for a 4-way stop sign.
- It would qualify for traffic calming measures, as there are more than 600 cars daily traveling on the road.
- Dick believes that only a “speed hump” is worth investigating. Subject will be raised at General Membership meeting in April.
- Board will continue to pursue our request for crosswalks at various Falstaff intersections with Supervisor DuBois’ office.
- Ralph asked about the possibility of widening Spring Hill Road between the Toll Road underpass and Lewinsville Road to allow speedier transport for emergency vehicles; he agreed to do some research.

Nominating Committee

- Slate is complete.
- Ralph Ward, president; Paul Wieland, V.P.; Cathy Hollan, Secretary; Ben Leung, Treasurer; Maggie Law and Scott Schlegel, Board Members.
- Hugh Neighbour needs to resign his position on the Board in June or July; Dick is to confirm that Nancy Bavisotto will take his place.
- With Jane Edmondson’s departure from the Board, Paul will serve as the voting member to the Lewinsville Coalition.

Possible Amendment to Hamlet Covenants

- Board reviewed Miguel’s suggested amendment to the covenants that would permit up to a 4-car garage.
- Various Board members felt that a 3-car garage should be the maximum.
- Changing the covenants is difficult.
- Subject was tabled and will be raised at the General Membership meeting.

TysonsTunnel.org.

- Gov. Kaine continues to resist the tunnel option for Metrorail. Paul read the response he received from Secretary of Transportation, Pierce Homer.
- There will be a rally of tunnel supporters on February 10th. Hamnet message has been sent.

MYS Artificial Turf Initiative

- MCA and the Lewinsville Coalition continue to negotiate with MYS regarding its plans to convert four fields in McLean to artificial turf. Two of the fields are at Spring Hill Park.
- Lewinsville Coalition and the MCA would like a legally binding agreement that prevents lights from being installed at Spring Hill Park in return for offering its support for artificial turf. Agreement with Park Authority and/or MYS is unlikely. Uncertain at this time what the Coalition and MCA will decide to do.

McLean Hamlet History

- Paul Rogers sent a letter to original owners asking for stories/memories of the Hamlet.
- The developer of the Hamlet subdivided the land, installed streets and sidewalks and then sold lots to a number of homebuilders.

Missing Sidewalk Segments

- Betty analyzed number of Hamlet homes without sidewalks...nearly 100.
- She is preparing a grant request for federal funds under the Safe Routes to School program. Co-applicant is required; principal of Spring Hill School has agreed to join the Hamlet's effort.
- Maximum grant award is \$500,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues to Lewinsville Coalition/\$200 Contribution to Garden Club

- After limited discussion, Board unanimously approved a payment of \$250 for its 2007 dues to the Lewinsville Coalition.
- Board approved \$200 to the Garden Club for placement of luminaria in common areas throughout the Hamlet. Two board members opposed the payment.

Report of Association Leaders' Meeting, Tysons Task Force

- Doug Colvard, Jane Edmondson and Wade Smith attended the information session for Association leaders on January 23rd.

General Membership Meeting

- Date is April 12th at Spring Hill School. Board meeting will precede meeting at 6:00 PM.
- Paul will invite Chairman Gerry Connolly to speak. If he can't attend, invitation will be extended to Supervisor DuBois and her challenger, John Foust.

Spring Newsletter

- Articles are due March 17th. People know their assignments. (Date subsequently changed to March 9th)
- Betty and Scott will write a story about the Falstaff Park Clean-up Day, a new event for the Hamlet. The Board approved \$25 for cookies to feed the clean-up crew. Ralph suggested that orange trash bags be obtained from VDOT.
- Paul asked Betty to call Catherine Kinniburgh about having the McLean Hamlet Park clean up on the same day; if agreed, Betty will include info in article.

New MCA Representative from the Hamlet

- After tireless service, Paul will not run for reelection to the McLean Citizens Association and will retire from his position as co-chair of the Environment, Parks and Recreation committee.
- Wade Smith currently is an at-large member and will become the Hamlet representative.

Items Requiring President's Attention

- Paul reminded folks to copy Scott and Ralph on all correspondence that is sent to the president.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape

- Jane Kalish has located an arborist who will provide price breaks to individual homeowners if enough people agree to use his services. Jack will prepare a Hamnet message about the opportunity.

Hamnet

- No report

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

- The speaker was Dr. Richard Moniuszko, Deputy Superintendent of FCPS.
- School population is stabilizing; County high school rank in the top 3% in the country; 198 schools and centers with 164,000 students-13th largest in the country; 16% ESL students; 25% increase in AP tests taken; 93% go on to higher education. The 2008 budget is \$2.2 billion, an increase of 4.6 %. Initiative for full-day kindergarten is underway.
- Federation is examining proposed County regulations for PODs (portable storage containers that people use during construction). County Planning Commission deferred its decision on the pipe-stem zoning ordinance amendment.

Lewinsville Coalition

- Updates included in other sections of the minutes.

Transportation, Trails & Tysons Corner Study Group

- No report.

Architectural Control

- Miguel has been scrutinizing the neighborhood for trees and bushes intruding on sidewalks. Paul reminded him that 8 feet vertical clearance has been the rule of thumb for low hanging tree branches.

Web Site

- No report

Membership

- No report
- Paul commended Betty for meeting and greeting every new resident to our community.

Safety

- Updates covered in other sections of the minutes.
- Ralph inquired about safety markings on dumpsters; Paul and Dick explained that we have been “quite successful” in getting owners to put reflective tape on dumpsters.

MCA

- MCA passed a resolution on proposed County amendments to the zoning ordinance on lot sizes.
- Paul, in his capacity as co-chair of the Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, has prepared a resolution on aircraft noise that will be considered by the full MCA Board on Feb. 7th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, March 5th at the home of Linda Somogyi.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Edmondson, Interim Secretary

