

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc
FINAL Minutes from the Board Meeting
February 4, 2008

Present: Miguel Avila, Nancy Bavisotto, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Dick Coogan, Doug Colvard, Betty Grimes, Jack and Jane Kalish, Ben Leung, Shri Sinha (Snow Meadow representative), Linda Somogyi, Wade Smith, and Ralph Ward.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of Linda Somogyi.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was accepted. It was noted that the interest for the CD that matured in January was reported as actual income for the year now.

OLD BUSINESS

Nationwide Insurance: In January, Paul received a complete copy of MHCI's liability insurance policy. Of particular note was that possibly only Officers and Directors are covered, but not committee members. Paul forwarded a copy of the policy to Joe Parisi, who is arranging a thorough review by an insurance expert in his law firm. Paul also arranged for Joe to receive a copy of the Nationwide policy endorsement for review. The endorsement, in effect since the summer of 2005, should verify that committee members and all MHCI volunteers are also insured. Paul expects to have the results from Joe in time for the March 3, 2008 Board meeting.

Paul Rodgers allegations: Paul Rodgers sent a response to Ralph and Paul Wieland's December 4 reply to the original demand letter. Mr. Rodgers reiterated a number of his prior assertions and made various other comments. In his conclusion, he implied that he would seek judicial relief if the publication or distribution of the Wieland History were to be resumed on the internet or otherwise. Whether to reply to Mr. Rodger's letter is being discussed with counsel. Making no formal response was proposed as a likely outcome; however, it was felt by some that ceasing all further distribution of the Wieland History may be the best course.

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. A few names have been suggested that Ralph will follow-up on.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaints: Dump trucks have been noticed speeding on Birnam Wood that belong to a subcontractor to a current Hamlet home construction project. An email was sent to the primary contractor.

Tysons Corner Metrorail Project: Ralph and others have sent several letters to Fairfax County Supervisors and other officials in support of the tunnel and the need for improvements to the overall process. Recently expressed concerns by US Federal Transit Administration officials have cast doubt on the outcome of funding for the project.

Annual Meeting: Need to reserve Spring Hill School for April meeting. It was agreed that April 17 should be the first choice, with April 24 as a backup date. Betty will contact the School.

McLean Citizen's Association: Wade indicated that an alternate needs to be identified for the instances that he is unable to attend an MCA meeting as the Hamlet representative.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Committee SOPs: Ralph has asked each Chairman (except Jack) to document their committee procedure(s), objectives and modus operandi. In response, Betty provided a detailed description of what she does all year for the Membership Committee. Whether to publish the SOPs on the website was discussed, but no decision was made.

Architectural Control: Miguel's correct phone number is listed in the Committee Chair section, but not under the Director's section of the Hamlet directory. A porch reconstruction project on Oberon Way was reviewed and approved.

HamNet: A Hamlet resident has agreed to provide IT expertise to the Board on a volunteer basis for Board affairs which would benefit all Hamlet residents. He may assist Jack in trying to simplify HamNet disseminations.

Membership: Betty reported that three memberships were received in January.

Safety: It was discussed whether electronic dog fences should be addressed formally, including adding language about them in the Hamlet covenants. It was proposed that someone walking along a sidewalk could be startled or afraid of a dog thus contained, even if the dog stayed on the inside side of the sidewalk (or several feet from the street where no sidewalk exists). Linda and others pointed out that most yards with a dog fence have a sign in the yard or on their mailbox post. There did not seem to be any pressing issues that need to be resolved at this time nor has Dick received any complaints either way.

Web Site: Linda Somogy provided website usage figures to Paul and Ralph in January. Further information is needed to clarify their meaning. The decision was also made to archive (i.e., remove from view, but not delete), the 2006 meeting minutes from the website.

More importantly, a series of emails in January with and about Long and Foster agent who is promoting his website about McLean Hamlet prompted a discussion about what Real Estate information should be included on our website and what constitutes advertising on our site, given the policy against commercial advertising. No decision was made in order to allow Paul to voice his opinions with the Board, just as would be done for any Board member that wanted to participate actively in a non-urgent Board discussion/decision but was unable to attend a given meeting.

Transportation: Wade Smith and the Lewinsville Coalition are closely tracking the impending completion of the building complex of the Department of Homeland Security on Lewinsville Rd

traffic. Irv Auerbach (LC President) met with John Foust (recently elected Supervisor for the Dranesville District) to address the impact on Lewinsville Road. John Foust has attempted to discuss the matter with the developer (Peterson Company), but has been thwarted by their demands for a confidentiality agreement to be signed before any discussions.

Wade updated the board on a related issue, in that Fluor Corporation and its partner Transurban Group reached a final agreement with VDOT for the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-495 in late December. The Lewinsville Road bridge over the beltway to be replaced in the process will have at least five feet of pedestrian walkway on each side. The LC and Wade are asking the Supervisors to try to include connecting nearby trails to the bridge as part of the project.

A Village for the Aging: Under the direction of John Mealey III, the development of a McLean Hamlet Village for the Aging Program is underway. A “How-to” manual produced by the Beacon Hill Village entitled, “The Village Concept: A Founder’s Manual” is being purchased (for \$305).

The NEXT MEETING will be March 3 at 7:30 pm at Miguel Avila’s house, 1325 Oberon Way.