

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc
FINAL Minutes from the Board Meeting
January 7, 2008

Present: Miguel Avila, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Dick Coogan, Doug Colvard, Cathy Holland, Jack Kalish, Jane Kalish, Ralph Ward, and Paul Wieland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of Jack and Jane Kalish.

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The MHCI CD (~\$15,670) is maturing in January 17, 2008. It was agreed that the CD should be reinvested at its full value. Otherwise, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Accomplishments for 2007: Ralph would like to create a list of MHCI Board accomplishments for 2007.

Paul Rodgers demand letter: Ralph Ward and Paul Wieland sent a formal response on behalf of MCHI to the demand letter sent by Mr. Rodger's attorney on Dec. 4. The MCHI letter indicated our position that the demand is without merit and offered no monetary compensation. No response from Mr. Rodgers or his attorney has been received. In the meantime, MCHI received an offer from Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP for pro bono representation of MCHI against legal demands from Paul Rodgers. This was the result of negotiations through Elizabeth Roesel, a former MHCI Board member, long-time Hamlet resident, and a lawyer with the Paul Hastings firm. Ralph will formally accept the offer.

Paul has not yet received a complete copy of MCHI's insurance policy from Nationwide Insurance (a request made in order to conduct a thorough review of the terms, conditions and exclusions of the liability coverage). He will contact the MCHI agent about the delay.

A Village for the Aging: Ralph has had email communication with John Mealey III, who has volunteered to help organize a Village for the Ageing. Sandy Turner has also offered to help.

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. Ralph will contact the County to seek formal "acceptance" of our interest. Betty will mention the need in her next mailing of the annual MHCI bill to Hamlet residents and Catherine Kinniburgh will be contacted, as her daughter has previously led Park clean-up efforts in the Hamlet.

2008 Meetings: The meeting host list has been finalized (see attached)

NEW BUSINESS

MHCI Board Membership: Scott Schlegel resigned due to increased travel for his work.

Complaints: No new complaints reported.

CHAIRMANSHIP REPORTS

Architectural Control: One new renovation approval request was made since the last meeting. Jack Eakin, a long time Hamlet resident with significant real estate experience will be able to help with the ACC after April.

Luminaries: Due to the Garden Club picking up (gratis) additional stretches of uncovered houses this season, a request was made for an additional \$100 in support from MHCI. The request was approved, but it was recommended that the Garden Club increase their selling price next year to cover all expenses so that MHCI does not have to subsidize the luminaries. The Garden Club is an independent organization; the only other main activity that the Club undertakes which directly benefits the Hamlet is to place the winter decorations at the entrances.

Entrance Care: No activity, as most plants are dormant. Come spring, a lot of the perennials can be split up to cover additional areas.

HamNet: In response to a publicized controversy over ownership of an email list in a public school setting outside Virginia, the HamNet operating procedures are being revised to reflect MHCI ownership of the HamNet database (revised copy attached). In addition, one of Ralph's neighbors, Matthew Stack, is offering computer services to Hamlet residents (for charge). Ralph will ask him if he would be interested in providing IT expertise to the Board on a volunteer basis for Board affairs which would benefit all Hamlet residents.

Membership: Betty Grimes asked (by email) about the possibility of obtaining updated software to maintain her membership database. Since it wasn't clear what she is using now, or what she really needs, Ralph will follow-up with her. In any event, the Board agreed that Betty should have adequate resources.

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. With regard to Tysons Corner, a scale model is on display at Tysons I (with all the planned development shown).

Lewinsville Coalition: Provision of \$250 in annual dues to the LC was approved. Jane Edmonson has resigned as its President to work on Revitalization of McLean as a staff member to Supervisor John Foust.

Other: It was noted that Miss Utility (of Virginia) has an easy-to-remember number now – 811.

The NEXT MEETING will be February 7 at 7:30 pm at Linda Somogyi's house, 8103 Lewinsville Rd.