

McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc  
FINAL Minutes from the Board Meeting  
March 3, 2008

Present: Miguel Avila, Charlotte Basset Zimmerman, Dick Coogan, Doug Colvard, John Eakin, Betty Grimes, Cathy Hollan, Jack and Jane Kalish, Ben Leung, John Mealey III, Linda Somogyi, Wade Smith, Ralph Ward and Paul Wieland

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of Miguel Avila.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted with clarifications requested by Doug.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was accepted. It was suggested that the difference between Total Income and Total Expenses not be called "Excess Revenue", as it is not "in excess," but represents unexpended items in the approved fiscal year budget.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Paul Rodgers allegations: Nothing new to report or discuss

McLean Hamlet Park: Charlotte indicated that she will get the Garden Club to assume responsibility for an Invasive Vine Management Program and organize other Park improvements. Ralph will help coordinate with the Park Authority.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Complaints: None

Annual Meeting: Betty and Nancy Bavisotto have reserved Spring Hill School for the April 17 meeting. The new Dranesville Supervisor, John Foust, will be the featured speaker and will address issues of importance to McLean Hamlet residents.

Signs: Miquel volunteered to be responsible for putting out and storing MHCI's signs.

Nationwide Insurance: Joe Parisi arranged a thorough review of the MHCI liability policy by several insurance experts in his law firm. Four points and questions were forwarded to Nationwide for their clarification, including that it is not obvious that the policy actually excludes intellectual property matters. It did appear, however, that all Hamlet volunteers who work with MHCI are covered, not just officers and directors.

#### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Architectural Control: No new renovation projects. There was discussion of the proper positioning of large roll-off dumpsters. Having them in driveways was preferred, but Dick indicated that there were no ordinances against having them in the street, as long as they did not constitute a safety hazard.

HamNet: No issues to report.

Membership: Betty's efforts to solicit membership in the Hamlet association by all households were commended. She noted that as many as 8 of 10 sellers pay their dues, to the benefit of the buyers.

Nominating: Two positions on the Board are open. One person approached has already agreed to have their name proposed at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Safety: Dick attended a presentation on windows security and is willing to pass on what he learned to anyone interested. It was also noted that the crosswalks requested by the Board are now in place at the intersections of Falstaff and Birnam Wood and at Falstaff and Macbeth.

Web Site: Website usage figures are available from January 2008 on. Traffic is relatively light, in that the number of unique visitors for January and February averaged about 260. Many visits are of fairly brief duration, which is not unexpected as most of the pages are static. Views of subpages range from 35-90 "visits" per month. Betty looked at several nearby homeowner association/neighborhood/housing complexes to see how real estate information was handled. Some sites had no real estate section, others had only publically available summaries and others had sections that were username- and password-restricted. No changes were recommended along those lines at his time, although it was felt that adding that our website was the "Official website of MHCI" would be worthwhile.

Transportation: Peterson Company is trying to find a suitable date to present their proposal(s) to interested parties for relieving the forthcoming large influx of cars to the Department of Homeland Security building complex on Lewinsville Rd.

The Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force has nearly completed gathering community input to recommend updates to the Tysons Comprehensive Plan. A contractor to the Task Force has developed two land-use prototypes for future growth in Tysons, both of which incorporate new transportation networks. All scenarios are based on Metro rail being built through Tysons to Dulles. Analysis of the existing Tysons Corner plan and both prototype plans, available for comment through March 10, show increased congestion.

A public meeting is planned soon at the McLean Community Center to present information about the new High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-495. The new Lewinsville Road bridge over the beltway will have at least five feet of pedestrian walkway on each side as well as bike lanes.

The Lewinsville Coalition has drafted a 2-page letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors seeking assurance that adequate information is provided about how the impact of additional traffic on the surrounding areas will be addressed and that school and recreation infrastructure be upgraded at least in parallel with Tysons population growth, if not precede it.

A Village for the Aging: John Mealey III has begun reviewing the very comprehensive "how-to" manual produced by the Beacon Hill Village which covers all aspects that McLean Hamlet should consider if we were to promote the creation of a "Village for the Aging" program. John distributed a summary sheet that provided his initial impressions. The primary impression is that

it is a very large undertaking that would require full-time employment for 1-2 people and that seed money funding from non-potential members such as business, charities and private foundations would be need to establish the enterprise and keep it going. He will continue to help the Board determine its feasibility. As a backup, links and references to the numerous Fairfax County home healthcare and social services can be added to the website. Actually, on April 12, Fairfax County is hosting a meeting on local support for aging neighbors, such as is being proposed. In the meantime, John will review Census data to determine the age demographics in the Hamlet and nearby neighborhoods.

Hamlet Directory: No issues to report.

Yard Sale: Helen Charbonnet is set to organize the Hamlet yard sale, scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. She will be asked to provide a brief article for the upcoming newsletter.

Newsletter: Articles by Board members should be submitted to the Editor, Joe Parisi, with copies to Ralph and Paul, not later than March 15. That will enable a complete draft to be distributed for comment to Board members and Committee Chairs by March 21, and getting the final Newsletter to the printer by Monday, March 24, for a target mailing date not later than Thursday, April 3.

Name Change: Paul suggested that having “Incorporated” as part of the Hamlet association name was not best. Thus, it was proposed that alternative names be considered at the next Board meeting.

The NEXT MEETING will be Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 6:00 pm at the Spring Hill School cafeteria, to be followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:00.