

McLean Hamlet Community Association
Final Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2009

Present: Miguel Avila, Tapan Banerjee, Charlotte Basset-Zimmerman, Pat Bowman, Dick Coogan, Doug Colvard, Hutch Douglas, Betty Grimes, Jack and Jane Kalish, Jeffrey Klemm, Rick Laws, John Mealey III, Ralph Ward, Jan Wendt, and Paul Wieland

Officers & Directors Absent: Linda Somogyi

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at Spring Hill ES

MHCA BUSINESS

1. Minutes: Accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report: There were no significant expenditures for March. Proceeds from a recently matured CD were placed in a new 12-month CD yielding 2.5%.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

4. Architectural Control: One new addition was approved.
5. Hamlet Website: Paul reported that Linda is working with the webmaster for the Hamlet Swim and Tennis Club to create password-protected sections on the McLean Hamlet website. Access would be provided to dues-paying members.
6. Spring Newsletter: The Newsletter was viewed as a job well done, and special thanks to Paul and Joe Parisi
7. Hamlet Response to Planning Commission Review of Tyson Corner Land Use Task Force: Ralph had a very productive meeting with the Dranesville representative to the Planning Commission (Jay Donahue) last Monday to discuss the letter sent to the Board of Supervisors expressing the Hamlet community's desires and concerns.

The annual General Meeting then proceeded at 7 pm.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Monday, May 4, 2009, 7:30 pm, at the residence of Ralph Ward.

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Ralph called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at Spring Hill ES.

1. Retiring Board Members: The contributions of retiring Board Members were gratefully acknowledged. These included: Cathy Hollan, Ben Leung, and Jack Kalish (although he has agreed to continue serving as HamNet editor).
2. The slate of nominees for 2009 Board positions were presented for voting upon:

President	Ralph Ward
Vice President	Jan Wendt
Secretary	Doug Colvard
Treasurer	Rick Law
Director	Pat Bowman
Director	John Mealey

All votes cast were in favor of the slate.

3. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws were distributed in the spring Newsletter and were posed for any further discussion and voting upon. One point concerning the rationale for changing what would transpire in the absence of a quorum at the Annual Membership Meeting was clarified satisfactorily. The new Articles and Bylaws carried without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

4. McLean Hamlet Park: Ralph Ward expressed the Board's desire for a chairperson to oversee maintenance of the Park. In particular, finding the resources (at the State or local level) to have an apron cut into the curb at the entrance is very desirable. It was noted that the Kinniburgh family has spearheaded such an effort previously and possibly could assist again.
5. Spring Clean-ups: The first clean-up of entranceways on April 4 was very successful, with 65 bags of debris pickup. The second clean-up of the "cut-through" off Birnum Wood to the back of Spring Hill ES was canceled due to weather. However, in planning for that clean-up, it was determined that that pathway was actually owned by Fairfax County, and they are responsible for maintaining it (although they don't). All other sidewalks in the Hamlet belong to VDOT. Also, it was determined that the homeowner's fence along one side of the pathway is over the property line and is being replaced. The next clean-up day is April 25, along the Lewinsville Rd sidewalk near Swanks Mill.
6. Annual Yard Sale: As indicated in the spring Newsletter, this year's yard sale will be May 9, organized by Helen Charbonnet. Anyone interested should register by Sunday, April 26.

7. 3K Fun Run through the Hamlet: Sunday, May 17, 8:30-9:15 am. This will be the second year that Spring Hill ES is a co-sponsor
8. Invasive Vine Clean-up: Susan Turner spearheaded this activity last year. The date(s) of the next clean-up event will be announced later.
9. PMcLean Hamlet Information Lists: Ralph Ward and Jan Wendt summarized the initial plans for three proposed types of service and information lists.

1) Hamlet Connections: The primary objective of the “Connections” is to connect people looking for a service with people that would provide the service. Two provider sub-lists are envisioned: one comprised of volunteers, and one comprised of commercial providers that may or may not operate from within the Hamlet, such as the list of providers that Joe Parisi has maintained. Eventually, Connections may be folded onto the website.

2) Homeowners Counsel: A list of persons that can be called upon for advice for what may be needed (e.g., for proper home maintenance or repairs) or to interpret information obtained by a homeowner. Such advice would not include sales, pricing or any guarantees.

3) Senior Care & Services: List(s) of the wide variety of assistance and resources available, e.g., as a Fairfax County resident. “Meals on Wheels” was mentioned as an example. Jan would be the first person to contact, presently.

Jan and Ralph are drafting SOPS and Guidelines for how the lists would operate. Subsequent details will be announced via HamNet. Monthly updates are a possibility.

10. Presentation by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust:

Supervisor Foust summarized a variety of issues of interest to Hamlet residents.

- Budget – It appears that the “worst-case scenario” budget floated by the County Exexecutive will not be to be implemented. The car tax will not be reinstated, the SACC program will not need to be cut, and efforts will be exerted to maintain public services, police, fire, and services for seniors and juveniles. The property tax rate will likely rise, but given the decline in property values, homeowners’ tax bills are not expected to change significantly.
- Tysons Corner development – The Board of Supervisors accepted the Tyson Corner Land Use Task Force’s recommendations in September 2008, and the Planning Commission formed a subcommittee to review the Task Force recommendations last fall. The subcommittee will report its analysis to the Planning Commission, who will in turn report to the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Foust and others continue to stress the need to mitigate the impact on surrounding communities. Approximately 74 million sq ft of development currently exist. From 160 to 220 million sq ft of density are possible in the Comprehensive Plan when all is said and done. Transportation studies indicated that the roads will be saturated at 83 million sq ft, even with added infrastructure, thus considerable work is needed to prevent continuous gridlock. Metro trains are believed to

be part of the solution. Phase I has begun (5 new stations, 11.6 miles – West Falls Church Metro to Wiehle Avenue in Reston).

- Silver Line Metro through Tysons Corner – The prospect of putting Metro underground is all but dead, basically due to Gov. Kaine’s decision not to jeopardize the infusion of Federal funds. The construction company, Bechtel, is not putting in any of its funds.
- I-495 HOT lanes – The Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project is being developed by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in partnership with Fluor-Transurban. This project has already impacting the area and will only get worse before it gets “better.” VDOT has committed \$400M to the project. A couple bright spots are that VDOT(?) has committed to reforest much of the denuded areas and build/replace sound walls from Lewinsville Rd to Georgetown Pike. Obviously, the Hamlet community does not want its wall(s) breached. The present plans are to place the new Lewinsville Rd bridge south of the existing bridge. Notices have been sent to most affected resident about the plans for construction activity where the Beltway intersects with Dulles Access Rd. Additional public hearings are planned. In the meantime, closure of one lane in each direction (where Dolley Madison/123 goes under I-495) will occur the week of April 27 and last through until late November (initially). Supervisor Foust has already met with VDOT to enable temporary traffic calming activities to protect Lewinsville Rd, Spring Hill Rd, Old Dominion, and Balls Hill Rd, as motorist seek ways around the anticipated traffic jams due to the lane closures. Traffic mitigation measures could include increased police enforcement of traffic laws, altered signal timing, no right turns during certain hours (such as onto Falstaff), speed humps, and others.
- Peterson Company/government complex – Plans have been submitted to VDOT to create exit lanes onto Dulles Access Rd. No opposition is anticipated and the Federal Government may pay for it (essentially).
- Dolly Madison Library - A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, for review and hopefully approval. Plans have changed little from the time they were well received at a similar meeting late last July. While the library’s collection and staff will remain about the same size, the building will almost double in size, from the existing 10,000 square feet to about 19,000 square feet. The front wing with the main entrance will be left in place, while the smaller rearward wing will be demolished to make way for the expansion. If all goes according to plan, the project will be put out to bid in October and construction will begin in January 2010. Assuming that construction is completed by July 2011, the library will re-open in September 2011.
- Spring Hill Rd trail - Fairfax County will not enact an easement by force for not essential projects, such as trails. Thus, landowners of affected property must agree voluntarily.
- Lewinsville Rd traffic island(s) - Funds were approved in a recent bond to construct a traffic island in front of Spring Hill School. However, there are some issues that need to be resolved between VDOT, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, as plans for Spring Hill Rec Center must be consistent with the planned traffic island. Placement of a median could begin in 2010, if all aspects were finalized in the near future.

The Annual Meeting was concluded at 9:00 pm.