

McLean Hamlet Community Association
FINAL - Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2009

Present: Charlotte Basset-Zimmerman, Nancy Bavisotto, Pat Bowman, Doug Colvard, Dick Coogan, Hutch Douglas Betty Grimes, Jeffrey Klemm, Rick Law, Don McClure, John Mealey III, Wayne Tate, Ralph Ward, Jan Wendt

Officers & Directors Absent: Scott Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of John Mealey

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes: Accepted without additional edits.
2. Treasurer's Report: The budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year was discussed and approved with a few modifications: deletion of "VA Neighborhood Conference" and "Village of the Ageing," reduction of "Insurance to "actual," and reduction of estimated Website expenses. The contribution to the McLean Hamlet Garden Club was re-approved for the current fiscal year. Lewinsville Coalition dues were discussed later in the meeting (item #15).

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

3. Architectural Control: Nothing to report, although several renovations projects/additions are ongoing in the Hamlet that probably need to be reviewed.
4. Hamlet Connections / Homeowner's Counsel: Ralph will confirm whether the draft list of contractors distributed to the Board includes the companies that Joe Parisi maintained. Providing dues-paying members with a copy of the booklet published by Fairfax County would be overly expensive, as they cost \$2.50 each, rather than 50¢ each. Obtaining a subscription to Washington Consumer's Checkbook magazine was not considered sufficiently worthwhile as a Board purchase.
5. Directory, 2010 Edition: The new Directory is being finalized by Charlotte and Betty. The new draft neighborhood street map was distributed for comment. A few edits to the map were suggested related to fonts, labeling consistency, readability, and other aspects. A few other suggestions to the Directory were made, including modifications to Board contact information and position of the calendar. A reference to "Fairfax County 50 Plus" will be added.
6. HamNet: Everything running smoothly.
7. Membership: About 69% of households have paid thus far.

Betty also updated the Board on the status of Ralph and her attempt to obtain Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program funding available through Fairfax County. The program aims to promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods; enhance neighborhood appearance; encourage or create a culture of engagement, including facilitating communication and connections in neighborhoods between individuals, youth and families; and build and nurture community leadership within a neighborhood. Last year's awards appear to have included improvements to nearby public parklands.

8. Newsletter: Don McClure sent the coming issue to the printer this week.
9. Parks: A clean-up day was suggested for McLean Hamlet Park prior to the annual picnic. John will arrange one.
10. Picnic: Plans for the September 20th picnic are underway. Charlotte reported that all the vendors had been contacted. Folding tables have been ordered from Brooks Rental. Doug and John will have coolers, drinks and ice at the park by 3 pm.
11. Safety: A minor problem between neighbors related to a dead tree was resolved when the neighbor had the tree cut down.
12. Transportation: Concerns continue related to HOT lane construction and Metro extension through Tysons. Any sound barriers moved would need to be replaced to mitigate the expected additional noise. It was hoped that a system will be put into place to curtail storm water run-off due to the removal of all vegetation where the new Lewinsville Road bridge will be built. Ralph is trying to determine what will happen to the brick "McLean Hamlet" entrance sign and surrounding shrubbery at the Snow Meadow Lane entrance, as they were purchased by MHCA.
13. Bridge and Walkways over the Dulles Access Road(s): Hutch summarized various scenarios that the Fairfax County department of Transportation is considering to ease expected increased traffic into and out of Tyson Corner. Among those conceptual/preliminary engineering studies are elevated ramps leading onto Jones Branch Road that could include an associated pedestrian walkways/bikeway ending near McLean Hamlet Park. Although the existing drawing are very preliminary and would be subject to public input and hearing, preliminary ideas have a habit of materializing as plans.
14. MCA: John Mealey reported that MCA was trying to convince Fairfax County to save some funding that it "found" in the budget, rather than spend it right away.
15. Lewinsville Coalition: A few issues related to payment of dues to the Lewinsville Coalition were discussed. McLean Hamlet's 507 homes represent 39% of the homes in the LC, but it is not expected that the Hamlet should provide 39% of the LC budget. Ralph was informed that a fiscal year budget was not available from the LC because they don't know how much the members will contribute each year, although a tentative budget of \$1,500 was mentioned. The LC expressed interest in undertaking 6 specific projects and possibly 5 additional ones,

depending on resources. A 2009-2010 dues payment of \$250 was approved. Lastly, Jan Wendt will assume the LC Representative position.

OLD BUSINESS

16. Spring Hill School Public Walkway: Two meetings with the District Supervisor's staff have not resolved a code complaint about dirt in the walkway to Spring Hill School.
17. Bamboo by Spring Hill School: The homeowner whose bamboo has migrated onto SH property has committed to removing new growth from the school yard.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Complaints: A motion was proposed that "anonymous" complaints would not be acted on. It was agreed that if the complainant would not provide their name, no action would be taken. Instances in which a complainant identified themselves, but who did not want to be openly revealed would continue to be handled on a case-by-case basis.
19. Adopt-A-Highway: Ralph and Betty noted that they have removed numerous unauthorized sign during the past months. The person(s) who posted the sign(s) was often asked to remove the sign(s) themselves.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 pm.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Monday, October 5, 2009, 7:30 pm, at the residence of Doug Colvard.