

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

June 7, 2010

Present: Nancy Bavisotto, Pat Bowman, Doug Colvard, Scott Hall, Maggie Law, Rick Law, Jerry Swiggett, Wayne Tate, Ralph Ward, Jan Wendt

Officers & Directors Absent: Charlotte Basset-Zimmerman, Hutch Douglas, Dick Coogan, Betty Grimes, Jeffery Klemm, and John Mealey

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the residence of Ralph Ward.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes for May 2010: The May Minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Treasurer's Report: The main expenditures for May were related to landscape and entrance care and payment of invoices for the spring Newsletter. Renewal of MHCA's bulk mailing permit was approved.

#### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

3. Architectural Control: Charlotte Bassett wishes to be relieved of ACC Chair responsibilities. Paul Wieland has volunteered to serve as Acting Chair. There were a couple projects that received ACC permission during May.
4. Hamlet Connections: Jan Wendt indicated that a couple new requests were made during May. The person looking for a room to rent has not received an offer yet.
5. Homeowner's Counsel: Ralph Ward sent the list of contractors to a couple residents.
6. Distribution of Fairfax County Quick Guide: Betty Grimes printed about 60 labels to place on copies of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission "Quick Guide" for MHCA members don't have or don't really use the internet. Jan indicated that a couple Hamlet youths have volunteered to deliver them.
7. Directory: Betty and Charlotte will begin putting the new directory together.
8. Covenants and Rules Committee: Wayne Tate will ask the lawyer advising the Board (Bruce Eastmunt) on the Committee's efforts to modify and update the Covenants what would be required for minimal modifications.
9. Membership in the Community Associations Institute: Ralph continues to receive magazines and useful materials galore.

10. HamNet: Jerry Swiggett indicated that less than half of the HamNet emails can be verified as having been read, as reported by the new email software system through JTC. How many more are actually being read cannot readily be determined. The Board reconfirmed its interest in JTC evaluating whether they would be able to host and maintain the MHCA website as well. The question as to whether the HamNet should be open to non-members was raised again.
10. Entrance Landscaping: The \$5,000 grant proposal from Transurban Community Grant Program was approved to re-landscape the Hamlet entrances at Snow Meadow with environmentally sustainable native species trees and plants. We will be able to begin work when the bridge at Snow Meadow Lane is completed. Maggie Law noted that some of the trees planted near entrance walls are providing a lot of shade as well taking up a lot of the ground area with their roots. On the main Falstaff island, the Ginko trees are going to grow very tall, perhaps as high as 75 feet. She recommended that we consider moving or taking out the tallest one. She also suggested that a Hamlet sign be put on that island. Lastly, she asked for any gardening/maintenance help that anyone could provide.
11. Membership: Betty is working on the annual dues letter to go out at the end of June. As usual, a request for more volunteer help will also be made.
12. Safety: The Board was reminded of the Virginia traffic law referred to as the “move over-slow down” law. Under this law, when there is an emergency vehicle stopped with its lights flashing, you are required to either change lanes (on a four-lane highway) or slow down (on a two-lane highway), if it can be done safely and with due regard for traffic conditions,.
13. Gazebo Project: The status of the gazebo construction project in Hamlet Park, partially to be funded through a Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program grant, was summarized by Jan Wendt and Scott Hall. In short, the “Resource Protected Area” issue has not been resolved. Scott is continuing to meet with various County officials. The funds must be expended and the project essentially complete by March 15, 2011.
14. Yard Sale: Scott indicated that the May 8<sup>th</sup> Sale was fairly successful, with over 20 paid participants.

#### UPDATES ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

15. Lewinsville Coalition: The new potential traffic light in front of Spring Hill ES is being discussed by numerous stakeholders as part of Lewinsville Road median project, including the Coalition. Part of the delay is that there are no funds in the original project budget for a stoplight, and Supervisor Foust has taken the position that the median will not be built without the stoplight. VDOT has agreed to try to synchronize any new light with the Spring Hill Rd/Lewinsville Rd stoplight. Other issues of light activation are not settled. Separately, a public hearing is scheduled for next week regarding the proposed plan for a new artificial turf field at Spring Hill Rec Center.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Monday, July 12, 2010, 7:30 pm, at the residence of Doug Colvard.