

McLean Hamlet Community Association

FINAL Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting

February 7, 2011

Board Members Present: Charlotte Basset-Zimmerman, Pat Bowman, Doug Colvard, Dick Coogan, Atul Kathuria, Jeffery Klemm, Rick Law, John Mealey, Wade Smith, Wayne Tate, Ralph Ward, and Paul Wieland

Officers, Directors and voting Chairs Absent: Roxanne Axtell, Maggie Law, Eric McGinley, and Jan Wendt

Non-Board Resident Present: Scott Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on the Spring Hill ES library.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes for December 2010: The December Minutes were accepted with minor clarification about a tree swing on Park Authority property.
2. Treasurer's Report: The Reports for December and January was distributed. The main expenditures were for HamNet annual maintenance and legal fees related to proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

MOTIONS AND VOTING

3. Guest speaker for the membership meeting: Marcia McAllister of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project was suggested as a speaker for the Annual Membership Meeting, if she is available.
4. Entrance Sign Lettering: At the December Board meeting, it was recommended to wait until the weather improved before applying cream and gold test coloring to the letters.
5. Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: Scott Schlegel remains an active participant of the Federation, and MHCA does derive benefit from his involvement. Pat Bowman will ask Scott for recent Federation Minutes. Renewal of the annual membership fee (\$60) was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

5. Architectural: Charlotte Basset-Zimmerman approved an addition to the back of a house on Titania Lane.
6. Connections: Nothing to report. Jan Wendt has agreed to continue maintaining the list after her current Board term ends in June.

7. Homeowners Counsel: Ralph Ward continues to receive a couple requests each month for the contractors list.
8. Membership: Betty Grimes reported (through Ralph) that paid membership remains at 74%. A replacement for the Membership Chairmanship is needed.
9. Newsletter: Lee Rainey distributed assignments and outlined the timeline for the spring Newsletter.
10. Nominations: Dick Coogan reviewed the status of Board personnel changes. Ralph Ward has agreed to continue as President for one more year (under the new Bylaws) and John Mealey has agreed to serve as Vice-President when Jan's term ends. Maggie Law and Roxanne Axtell have agreed to serve as Directors. A replacement for Mail facilitator has been identified (Karen Steel). Betty has indicated that her database is not required except for keeping up with the memberships.
11. Gazebo Update: The Park Authority has now sent a 3-year Maintenance Agreement which they are requesting MHCA to agree to, in lieu of an "Adopt-a-Park" arrangement. The Gazebo Committee is concerned by some of the language and will work with the Park Authority to finalize the Agreement. Then we will need the "Permit to Enter" before we can continue with our plans.
12. Safety and Security: Dick Coogan attended one of the informational meetings on snow removal hosted by Supervisor Foust in January and sent a HamNet to inform residents of the main suggestions offered by VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation). The question was raised as to whether there would interest in having a contractor lined up to clear plowed snow at driveways. The logistics and costs are unknown at this time. The idea will continue to be looked into.
13. Website: Nothing new to report.
14. Complaints: No new complaints to discuss.
15. McLean Citizens Association: John Mealey attended the MCA meeting the previous Wednesday. Longfellow MS is considering whether to allow a cell pole on its grounds. A more complex issue (for Fairfax County residents that pay for waste removal) concerns the I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility, also known as the Lorton Incinerator, Over the past several months, County staff have been negotiating with Covanta Fairfax, Inc., the operator of the facility to explore options presented by the exp-ration of the long-term contract between Fairfax County and Covanta. The three options for future use of the facility are: 1) allow the contract to expire and the market to determine the cost and availability of use; 2) negotiate a new long-term contract similar to the current contract that includes price and capacity stipulations; and, 3) purchase the facility and contract with Covanta to operate it. Negotiating a long-term contract will require the County and Covanta to come to agreement on the terms of the deal which, so far, they have not been able to do. Purchasing the facility would require the County to exercise its purchase option under the existing contract. The purchase price

would be paid by issuing revenue bonds that would be repaid by the tipping fees at the facility. The next public hearing is February 22 and any input is welcome.

16. Lewinsville Coalition: Wade Smith updated the Board on several issues that the Coalition has been engaged in. As was announced in late January, the Brzezinski's dedicated approximately 275 feet of their frontage on Spring Hill Road to the County (as an easement). Funds for the trail project were approved by voters under the 2007 transportation bond. This will enable Fairfax County Department of Transportation to extend the trail to the intersection of Spring Hill Road and Old Dominion. Additional easements are being pursued along Lewinsville Rd towards "McLean 100". With regard to the new Lewinsville Road bridge over the beltway, paving on each side of the bridge will resume this spring. Final design plans have been submitted to VDOT. Lastly, the Coalition is still working with VDOT to address traffic snarls at the intersection of Balls Hill and Lewinsville Road.
17. Other Business: An Executive Session was called after the open meeting.

The open Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Monday, March 7, 2011, 7:30 pm, at the Spring Hill ES.