

McLean Hamlet Community Association

Final Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting

May 2, 2011

Board Members Present: Roxanne Axtell, Pat Bowman, Doug Colvard, Dick Coogan, Jeffery Klemm, Rick Law, Eric McGinley, John Mealey, Wayne Tate, Ralph Ward, Jan Wendt, and Paul Wieland

Officers, Directors and voting Chairs Absent: Atul Kathuria and Maggie Law

Non-Board Residents Present: Lynn Hall (V-P Elect), Scott Hall, Alan Holmer, Elizabeth Law, Mary Lusk, Carlos Mendez, Kelly Olafsson, Bill Parks, Todd and Amy Pruett, Paulette Rainie, Kim Saxenian, Behram Shroff, Jane Severn, and Kevin and Tara Vold.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes for April 2011: The April Minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers Report for April reflected income of \$400, which was due to paid dues from 10 households at the Annual Meeting on April 8. The primary expenditures costed during April were for printing and mailing the spring Newsletter and legal fees.

SPECIAL ISSUE

3. Increased traffic noise in the Hamlet: Most of the non-Board resident in attendance came to the meeting to voice their concerns about the adverse impact from increased traffic noise from surrounding highways. Tara Vold summarized her efforts to address this problem with other Hamlet residents and to obtain information about a recently adopted Dulles Road Highway Traffic Noise Policy based on the airport Authority's "Wayside Noise Report." The Report apparently did not include the Hamlet because its boundaries were not within the area of relevance to the Dulles Airport Authority, and in truth, some of the increased noise is due to expansion of the 495 Beltway and connections for the HOT lanes. In any event, everyone agreed that traffic noise has increased noticeably and is only expected to get worse. Having adequate sound barrier walls was deemed to be a critical issue. Wade Smith outlined some of the MCA's efforts to address the noise issues in the area, including the planned activities of its Noise Committee (led by Jim Phelps) to obtain additional/reasonable sound walls. Achieving success will likely require technical approaches (such as commissioning professional noise monitoring ourselves) and political approaches (such as reviewing the Report and meeting with Supervisor Foust and Delegate Barbara Comstock). The Board unanimously approved the establishment of a (Hamlet) Noise Abatement Task Force, which will be led by Eric McGinley, to join forces with the Noise Coalition. Several meeting attendees signed up to be members of the Task Force.

STANDING COMMITTEES

4. Nominations: Dick Coogan reviewed the status of Board personnel changes. Three new Directors, whose resumes were emailed to the Board in late April, were proposed for approval by the membership: Karen Ioffredo (a previous Treasurer), Jorge Marquez and Behram Shroff. The question was raised about the status of the two Board members that were approved to fill vacant positions at the November 2010 Board meeting, Eric McGinley and Atul Kathuria. Eric's position becomes open due to his President-elect status. Atul was not put forth as a continuing Director based on his email message indicating his inability to serve in any capacity on the MHCA Board. As there were questions raised about Atul's message, Dick Coogan indicated he would talk to Atul again to get confirmation on his intention, and Eric McGinley subsequently mentioned he would like to meet face-to-face with Atul regarding this matter. If Atul is still interested and willing to continue serving on the Board as an active member, then he would be given that opportunity, as provided by the By-Laws.
5. Entrance Landscaping: Maggie Law has obtained estimates for mulching the entrance areas and other "spring cleaning", all of which is expected to consume the remaining ~\$2,300 budgeted for Entrance Care for the current fiscal year. The first \$2,500 awarded via the Transurban and Fluor Community Grant Program will be spent once the new Lewinsville Road bridge has been sufficiently completed.
6. Architectural: No report.
7. HamNet: Roxanne Axtell indicated that she needs a backup for when she is unavailable.
8. Safety and Security: The "McLean 100" neighborhood has experienced several break-ins during the past month.
9. Website: All changes that have been provided to Pat Bowman have been incorporated.
10. Welcoming and Membership: Doug Colvard provided Paulette Rainie with the sign-in sheets from the Annual Meeting which indicated the 10 households that were newly paid.

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11. Connections: A responsible 13-yr old is newly available to provide lawn services for a modest charge. Lynn Hall agreed to assume responsibility for the Connections activity when Jan Wendt's term ends in June.
12. Database: Paulette now has Betty Grimes database.
13. Transportation: Wade Smith reported that the Lewinsville Bridge has been a little ahead of schedule. Currently the plans are for completion of the main structure by mid-May. Utility relocation will take another 4-5 months. Nighttime demolition of the existing bridge will occur this fall, leading to completion by spring 2012. The first phase of sidewalk and trail

construction will only extend from Snow Meadow to Scott's Run Rd. Continuation to Falstaff Rd and Windy Hill Rd will be completed during a second phase of sidewalk construction. In addition, sidewalks and bike trails will be built from Great Falls St along Rt 123 to the new Tysons East station (near Capital One).

PROJECTS

14. Gazebo: At the April Board meeting, having the MHCA President sign a revised 3-year Maintenance Agreement provided by the Park Authority was approved without dissent. Ralph Ward has not signed it yet, pending full approval of a budget and funding. Amish Country Gazebo has provided a reduced turnkey quote of \$21,935, which includes pouring of a concrete slab. Funding on hand and firm commitments total \$10,260, and the 2nd installment of matching grant money in the amount of \$2,500 from the Lewinsville Coalition has yet to be claimed. This leaves \$9,175 of needed funding. To allow for unexpected costs, up to \$11,000 was proposed to come from MHCA funds, with the understanding that any amount not used for the gazebo project will be re-allocated back to the MHCA Treasury and additional funds raised in the future would be used to offset and/or reimburse MHCA funding. Additional discussion addressed residents' input and the Board's reasons for its prior decision to locate the Gazebo in Falstaff Park, rather than Hamlet Park. It was again re-confirmed and concluded that in addition to the support received from Fairfax County Park Authority to locate the gazebo at Falstaff Park, very costly, time-consuming and stringent regulatory constraints of the American Disability Act (ADA) and Resource Protection Act (RPA) applicable to the Hamlet Park (at Macbeth) have resulted in the Board's final decision to locate the gazebo at Falstaff Park, where none of these factors would be a hinderance. The motion to approve up to \$11,000 passed by a vote of 5 "for", 3 "against" and 2 absentions.
15. Large Trash Pickup: Not discussed
16. Mail Facilitator: Not discussed
17. Parks and Entrance Signs: John Mealey reported that the signs are in good shape. Regarding mowing of Hamlet Park, it had previously been approved by the Board to arrange with the Park Authority for the Board to take responsibility for mowing the Park on the months that the PA was not going to mow the park itself as well as a limited width of the path towards the Hamlet Swim Club. John had been waiting for warm weather to select a mowing contractor; however, there may be someone that will mow it at no cost to the Board. In any event, it was unanimously approved for the Board to enter into an Adopt-A-Park agreement for the purpose of mowing the Hamlet Park grass.
18. Yard Sale: Lara Guroff was reported to have the May 14 event in good shape. The stated time will be 9 am-2 pm.
19. Lewinsville Coalition: The Coalition is requesting dues of half the normal amount for the coming fiscal year. Thus, providing \$250 was unanimously approved.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING is scheduled to be on Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Spring Hill ES.