

McLean Hamlet Community Association

Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting February 4, 2013

Officers and Other Board Members Present: Alan Holmer, Lynn Hall, Michelle Blanton, Rick Law, Paulette Rainie, Tara Vold, Behram Shroff, Wayne Tate, Pat Bowman,

Officers and Other Board Members Absent:

Chairpersons and Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm in the home of Paulette Rainie.

Administrative Business

1. Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and passed unanimously. Motions to approve the December and January minutes were seconded and passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was seconded and passed after brief discussion.
3. **President's Report:**
 - a. **Gannett special exception amendments:** Since our January meeting, Alan submitted a written statement to the Fairfax County Planning Commission, and testified before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2013. The Board approved the Gannett special exception amendments, but with deletion of any reference to the Gannett helistop. Therefore, in the future, Gannett will not be able to use the helistop, they will not be able to sell any rights to the helistop to a tenant, and, if they sell the building in the future, a purchaser can't have a helistop unless they get approval from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which is highly unlikely.
 - b. **Washington Post article on the Hamlet.** Alan was contacted by Cheryl Kenny, a free-lance writer for the Post, who is writing an article about McLean Hamlet. On February 2, 2013, she spoke with Alan, Lynn, John and Ellen Canova, Paul Rodgers, and Nate and Denys King. The article will be published in about 3 months. Board members suggested it would be useful to tell Cheryl that the Hamlet is very attractive to military families working in

the Pentagon; that many people have moved out of the Hamlet for various reasons, but returned because of the attraction of the neighborhood; and that the area was a civil war borderline between Union and confederacy forces.

- c. MHCA Reinstatement: Alan reported that the MHCA has been reinstated as a corporate entity with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

- d. Annual Meeting: Alan will approach Supervisor Foust's office about him speaking and leading a presentation at our annual meeting, to be held on either April 8 or April 22. Location likely the McLean Community Center. Topics of interest include Tysons development and schools.

- e. Spring Newsletter: Likely to be published in May or June.

- f. Tysons Tax District: Alan reported that the current plan is that the Tysons tax district only applies to the defined Tysons Corner boundaries in the Comprehensive plan, not including the Hamlet. On our side of Tysons, the Toll Road is the Tysons boundary. Michelle raised the possibility of Tysons having its own zip code, separate from the Hamlet. All Board members were concerned about the future possibility of the Tysons tax district expanding to cover our neighborhood.

- g. Operating Calendar: Alan will take the first cut at an annual operating calendar for the MHCA, to make sure subjects don't fall through the cracks. Michelle will follow up with Board members to make sure each has provided a "job description" of their tasks (to help their successors).

- h. Conclustions from President's message: Michelle will send friendly reminders to everyone requesting job descriptions from everyone. Pat and

Rick will take the lead on determining what type of insurance MHCA has and needs for the Gazebo.

4. Helicopters: MCA declined to participate in the July meeting with county officials. However, at last month's meeting, the president of MCA was very interested and on board with our agenda to decrease flights over residential areas. DHS and CIA seem to be avoiding the discussions. General consensus was that we need to meet with FAA again.
5. Bus Routes on Lewinsville Road: 24T will be discontinued. Bus 724 will run continuously between McLean station (Capitol One) and Spring Hill/Tysons area Transit station during commuting hours. Additionally, the Silver Line Metro will be run as completely independent (38 min) to Rosslyn. These changes are scheduled to take place in April or May when the Metro is up and running. Behram will draft a HamNet to inform MHCA residents of these changes.
6. Report of ACC/Community Standards: Wayne had nothing new to report.
7. McLean Aging in Place: Lynn and Dick attended their meeting several months ago to learn about their program. Most successful models require a subscription fee, which isn't where MHCA is right now in terms of need. Some models hired/bought a bus for elderly neighbors to grocery shop, get to the doctor, and other types of errands. General consensus was that this program is that MHCA should bring this program to the attention of the MCA.
8. Other Business: Lynn is still looking for nominations for Board of Directors and the Public Safety Committee.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next Meeting is Monday, 11 March at Paulette's.