

McLean Hamlet Community Association

FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

October 7, 2013

Officers and Other Board Members Present: Alan Holmer, Michelle Blanton, Jeff Shivnen, Tara Vold, Behram Shroff, Wayne Tate, Eric McGinley, Denys King, Paulette Rainie

Officers and Other Board Members Absent:

Chairpersons and Others Present: The meeting was called to order in the home of Alan at 7:38pm.

Administrative Business

1. Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and passed unanimously. Motion to approve the September minutes was seconded and passed unanimously (with minor changes)
2. **Treasurer's Report:** MHCA expenses totaled \$2990.00 for Entranceway maintenance (\$85), insurance(\$40 and \$1,106), mailbox fees (\$93), annual picnic (\$1627) and website expenses (\$39). We received \$1080 for annual dues. Motion to approve treasurer's report was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. **President's Report:** Alan solicited advice on HamNets. There was an inquiry from McLean Estates regarding our policy on tear-downs. Alan pointed her to Bruce Easmunt (our outside lawyer A resident contacted him regarding who to contact during a power outage. Gary Filerman has agreed that he has his wife, Jane, will represent MHCA on the McLean Village Exchange and related matters regarding Aging in Place. There was also a fox-sighting by a neighbor.
4. **Classified Ads, Rapid Communication Mechanism:** Interest has been expressed about better communication among residents. Eric briefed the board on his research. For a \$70 start-up fee, the webmaster will set up a Classifieds page for our site. We just have to decide how long the ads will last (90 days, for example.) Eric would file these emails and post them to the website. Discussion opened as to what we could add to the website and in

what capacity. Classified ads and calendar were major concerns. The motion to approve \$70 for Eric to proceed on this project was seconded and approved unanimously. Eric also briefed the board on Amerilert, a new service which offers alerts to twitter accounts, websites, and phones. He is still researching the pros and cons of utilizing the Amerilert in conjuncture with the HamNet, or discontinuing the HamNet and relying on this new service.

5. Report on Picnic: Denys noted that there were more older kids who didn't have much to do. We should have an activity for them. Michelle brought up a climbing wall vendor, and Lynn Hall suggested a volleyball game. Discussion about hiring a food vendor next year met positive responses.
6. Report on MCA, Lewinsville Coalition: Behram reported on recent meetings of the McLean Citizens Association and the Lewinsville Coalition. He provided all Board members with highlights of the meetings of those organizations.
7. Report on Transportation Committee: The trail on Lewinsville has begun construction. Alan noted Maggie Law's email regarding the danger of plantings at the Hamlet entrances. Alan also updated the group on the meeting he and Wade Smith had with VDOT regarding a 2028 ramp project connecting Tysons with the westbound Dulles Toll Road.
8. Report of ACC/Community Standards Committee: Wayne reported a quiet month. No complaints/concerns recently.
9. MHCA Safety and Security: A resident had a removable GPS stolen from a car on Titania. No windows or doors were affected. Discussion ensued about what to do regarding reporting incidents in the neighborhood. Rick (via Alan) respectfully solicited advice regarding this and future incidents. Paulette suggested Rick following up with the woman to ask if there have been any further developments and encourage her to file a police report.
10. Power Reliability: Jeff attended a meeting regarding power supply in the area with Supervisor Foust and representatives of Dominion Power. Public affairs briefed the group on CEAN (Community Emergency Alert Network.) A citizen can sign up for these alerts online and encouraged residents to participate. Dominion Power discussed their improvements post-Derecho. There's some redundancy on substations, and almost nothing is being done regarding tree issues. They are "studying" over/underground power lines. Jeff asked for a standard on how long it should take to have power restored after an outage, as well as their standard for tree overhang near power lines. Once we get answers to those questions, we can use that information to ask

them to clear Lewinsville Road. Finally, Steve Soudard, (director of Public Safety Communications) briefed the group on the 911 failures during Derecho. Later Jeff asked what they do for quality control, but he had no answers. He clarified that the problem was a Verizon/AT&T failure rather than a government failure. Alan encouraged Jeff to try and schedule a meeting with Supervisor Foust to make sure he fully appreciates the inadequacy of the response to date, especially regarding tree clearance and power outages.

11. Membership Solicitation: Paulette reminded the group that we are at 64% after the picnic. She and Alan will follow up with those who are unpaid.
12. Fall Newsletter: Alan will follow up.
13. Other Business:
 - a. Large Trash Pick-up: will be better to have large pickup after the yard sale.
 - b. Dog Stuff: There have been many community complaints about dog poop being left in their yards. Suggestions were made for handling it, and put a reminder in the newsletter. Denys will draft a blurb for the HamNet and Newsletter.
 - c. Eric expressed a need for the MHCA credit card for website payments. The suggestion was made for Dave Parks to bill MHCA rather than us handling the website fee, since we are his client. Alan will email the contact info for the HamNet to Eric. The company is a gmail company.
- b. Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Next Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on **Monday, November 4th** at Alan's home. If Michelle is out of town, Tara will perform Secretarial duties.