

McLean Hamlet Community Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2013

Officers and Other Board Members Present: Alan Holmer, Michelle Blanton, Rick Law, Behram Shroff, Wayne Tate, Denys King, Tara Vold, Denys King, Jeff Shivnen

Board Members Absent: Eric McGinley, Paulette Rainie

Chairpersons and Others Present:

The meeting was called to order in the home of Michelle Blanton at 7:00.

Administrative Business

1. Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and passed unanimously. Motion to approve the July minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Income for July totaled \$11,850.00, including \$9,870 for annual dues and a \$2,000 litigation payment. Expenses totaled \$1,767.26 including landscaping, wall care, printing, signage and supplies, website expenses, and a bank "excess transaction fee" (which was reimbursed August 2.) Income for August totaled \$2733.20, including \$2690 annual dues and a bank reimbursement. Expenses totaled \$150 for park maintenance. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **President's Update Report:** Alan updated the Board on a number of items. He requested input regarding Hamnets that are sent out on behalf of the MHCA Board. Jeff Shivnen has agreed to take the lead for the MHCA Board on power reliability. The Hamlet Park "cleanup weekend" was a success, with 28 individuals participating. Brett Blanton will convene a group to develop a long-range plan for the Park. Tara volunteered to create a poster to display at the picnic documenting the progress to date on Park restoration. Jeff Shivnen will help Brett Blanton with installation of flag holders on entrance walls. Board agreed that Paulette should have families double-check their emails at the picnic to alleviate HamNet missed emails. Board was pleased by the

responsiveness of VDOT and Supervisor Foust regarding highly offensive graffiti on the street in August.

4. Annual Picnic: Denys has everything in order. We will collect cans and bottles and board members will donate (remember to label!) trashcans. Denys will create a notebook for future organizers and send e-files
5. Report on MCA, Lewinsville Coalition: No report.
6. Report on Transportation Committee: Rush hour bus routes were approved to begin when Silver line opens. The sidewalk construction on Lewinsville Road will begin construction next month. Denis Marsh (County Project Mgr) will be in touch with Maggie Law to discuss impact on plantings. Lewinsville Coalition members (including Wade and Alan) will attend a meeting next Monday to discuss the potential exit ramp that will affect Hamlet Park. Fairfax County DOT has been responsive to our comments to date.
7. Report of ACC/Community Standards: Wayne briefed the board on the gravel driveway complaint. Although the gravel is legal, the location may be past the easement. The board discussed the problems of grass growing in the cracks in the streets. A suggestion was made to solicit neighbors to report the problem. Another was to put a note in the newsletter. Maybe include a column on "Three Ideas to Increase Your Property Value." Another issue was raised about a potential car repair home business. Another neighbor sent an email complaining about dog urinating on and killing the plants at their mailbox.
8. Report of Safety and Security: Rick received a file from Dick Coogan, has reviewed it, and is beginning to contact those in the community who can be of assistance in addressing our concerns.
9. Membership Solicitation: We are at approximately 63% membership, ahead of last year's numbers. More applications are expected at the picnic, and a follow-up mailing will occur later. Suggestions were made to help boost membership.
10. Fall Newsletter: Think about submissions.
11. Other Business:
 - a. Checks stolen from mailboxes: Alan received a report from a Birnam Wood house, followed by 3 other complaints from neighbors. Discussion ensued about other petty crime and burglary issues. A

suggestion was made to include a reminder in the newsletter how to protect yourself, your home, and your belongings.

- b. Aging in Place Organization:** Alan solicited a representative to attend these meetings and act as a liason for the Hamlet.
- c. Death in the Hamlet:** Tara Vold updated the Board about the death of the son of a resident last Friday.
- d. Change in meeting dates:** We will now meet at 7:30 the first Monday of the month instead of 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting will be held October 7th at the home of Alan Holmer.