

McLean Hamlet Community Association
FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2014

Board Members Present: Alan Holmer, Michelle Blanton, Jeff Shivnen, Tara Vold, Wayne Tate, Eric McGinley, Rick Law, Denys King, Jane Severn, Behram Shroff

Board Members Absent:

Chairpersons and Others Present: Stu Stuhlmuller, Roxanne Axtell

The meeting was called to order in the home of Michelle at 7:30 pm.

Administrative Business:

1. The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded and approved. Jeff briefed the board on expenses and income (report attached at the end of this document.) He also alerted us to the fact that Bank of America froze our account due to a clerical error.
2. Minutes and Treasurer Reports: The motion to approve June, July and August treasurer reports and minutes were seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Nominating Committee: Tara put forth Alan for President, Tara Vold for VP, Michelle for Secretary, and Jeff for Treasurer. All were unanimously approved for a new term.
4. President's Report:
 - a. Alan expressed appreciation for the work of Brett and Michelle Blanton in installing the flag holders and getting flags up at entrances for Memorial Day. Without objection, the Board authorized Michelle to purchase four additional flags and solar lights to set out when flags will be displayed overnight.
 - b. Alan recognized the extensive work of Maggie Law to get replacement trees at the Snow Meadow entrance.
 - c. A soccer camp is being formed for 3-6 yr olds, spearheaded by Stephanie Pebbles. She has four registered youngsters, and needs 6 for a team. Golden Boots will secure the permit from FCPA.
 - d. Alan expressed appreciation to Michelle and Brett, and the Boy Scouts, for all their good work at Hamlet Park.

- e. Alan explained Scott Schlegel has stepped down as our representative to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA). We need a successor. In response to requests from Board members, Tara offered to obtain additional information about the association, how often it meets, when, and what would be the requirements for the MHCA rep.
 - f. Alan said progress is being made with our attorney, Bruce Easmunt on enforcement of our Covenants. . Alan will report back to the Board when issues are further crystallized. He will also send to Board members a map of the Sections in the Hamlet.
5. Membership: Currently, 213 homes have paid, which is just below 50%. Jane requested the assistance of 2-3 middle school students to assist her at the picnic. (Afternote: 235 have paid as of 9 September.)-
 6. Block Captains: Alan will also follow up with Jane, Tara, & Anya to schedule a block captain meeting. Intent is to use Block Captains for Membership, Welcome Committee and news dissemination, in addition to luminaria.
 7. Directories: Alan solicited comments on privacy rights for listings in the directory; he and Eric will discuss further Eric will also find out the use rate of the online directory.
 8. Report of Transportation Committee: Alan (for Wade) reported that Metrorail ridership at stations in No VA (Orange and Silver Lines) has increased 28% since the opening of the Silver Line. Sidewalk repair by VDOT on Lewinsville near Titania is slow. Wade is working hard to resolve this issue. The property owners at the corner of Falstaff & Lewinsville Roads have finally reached an agreement with the county regarding the configuration of the fence there. The fence along Lewinsville Road closer to the bridge is being put up. Picnic Report: Denys is on track with all vendors for the September 21st picnic, with a rain date of the 28th. She showed the board a copy of the Climbing Wall waiver, soliciting suggestions for any changes to the sample document. She will draft a HamNet soliciting volunteers for the Membership table, the snow cone machine, and will possibly send out a copy of a pre-signed waiver for the climbing wall. Brief discussion ensued regarding the increased budget for the picnic this year (\$4100 vice \$3200 in original past.) The Executive Committee previously approved this increase, and the full board unanimously approved the increase. .

9. Yard Sale: The board approved expenditures for new signs and secured a May 16th, 2015 date for the annual yard sale. Stu will help Michelle coordinate. A rain date is set for two weeks later. Michelle will send documents and information to Eric to post on the website. Michelle will also coordinate large item pickup and contact Habitat for Humanity regarding a coinciding drop off site/date for trash and donations.
10. MCA/Lewinsville Coalition Report: Behram briefed the board on the Emergency Preparedness flier and the McLean Neighborhood Tree Program. The Foust/Comstock debate has been moved to 4 October at Alden Theatre, from 7:30-9pm.
11. Report of ACC/Community Standards Committee: Wayne spoke to the owner of the house on Elsinore which has been poorly maintained. He has also spoken to the county about what we can do as a community to resolve issues with homes that are not being adequately maintained.
12. Report of Safety Community: Rick will be attending a conference on Emergency Preparedness on the community's behalf on Sept. 17. Alan briefed the board about our neighbors who had items stolen from their mailbox. Other neighbors have reported problems as well. Discussion ensued about the legality of the solicitors using our mailboxes. Alan reminded the board about other nuisances occurring over the summer.
13. Power Reliability: Jeff reported a positive response year with respect to power reliability, but that we need to remain vigilant
14. What are we hearing from neighbors?
 - a. The new metro line is noisy. In that regard, Behram reported there are neighborhoods in MCA subject to even louder noise from Metro and MCA will likely take a position on it, such as providing sound barrier walls along the track.
 - b. Tara suggested MHCA invite our sponsored soccer and McLean LL teams to wear their jerseys to the Hamlet picnic.
15. Other Business: none
16. Next Meeting: Next meeting will be 6 October at Michelle's house. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

McLean Hamlet Community Association Treasurer's Report August 2014

The following report shows the state of the MHCA budget for the monthly period ending August 31, 2014. The net decrease for the month was \$940.52. Expenses this month were primarily due to Hamlet Picnic preparation, annual MHCA insurance, and entrance landscaping.

Income for August totaled \$2840.00

- MHCA membership renewals (\$400 from PayPal/CC - 14%) \$2840.00

Expenses for June totaled \$ \$3,780.52:

- Active Campaign Hamnet expenses \$17.00\
- PayPal Monthly maintenance fee \$5.00
- PayPal transaction fees \$55.48
- Web Site monthly maintenance \$15.00
- Annual MHCA Insurance \$1079.00
- Picnic down payment \$1760.00
- Hamlet Directory printing \$100.00
- Entrance landscaping maintenance \$496.16
- Entrance tree planting (Transurban Grant) \$293.76

Income for August 2014

Expenses for August 2014

Jeff Shivnen
Treasurer McLean Hamlet Community Association