

**McLean Hamlet Community Association
FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2017**

Board Members Present: Jeff Shivnen, Jack Nightingale, Michelle Blanton, Behram Shroff, Alan Holmer, Denys King, Jane Severn, Tara Vold.

Board Members Absent: Robyn Lighthammer, Matt Tallent

Chairpersons and Other Present: Laura Liu, Barbara Allen

Administrative Business:

1. The meeting was opened in the home of Michelle at 7:35 pm.
2. The Agenda and February minutes (with minor edits) were approved. Jeff briefed everyone on how to track changes/edit minutes in the Google document.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jack briefed the board on the current Treasurer's report. Income for February was \$120.00, with \$22.87 in expenses. We added 2 memberships/renewals in February. Total paid household memberships at the end of the month: 313 (This number includes some prepaid 2017-2018 memberships and excludes some 2016-2017 memberships that were prepaid before July 2016.) There were no major expense items in February. Year-to-Date income exceeds expenses by \$1850, and our net funds available total \$49,847. Comparing YTD results as of February 2017 to February 2016, our income is \$317 higher, and our spending is \$1,482 lower. The biggest factor impacting the lower spending is that we have not yet paid website expenses to Wild Apricot for the current fiscal year. MHCA prepaid that charge in 2016, but it is not due until later in the fiscal year.
The treasurer's report was approved.
4. **President's Report:** reviewed during the meeting.
5. **Membership Committee:** Jane had nothing new to report. Jeff suggested a new mailing for the spring.
6. **Nominating Committee:** Tara briefed the board on some potential nominees for the upcoming election slate, with the election to be held April 24th. Tara introduced Laura Li, who is attending tonight's meeting to see how everything works. Behram will be staying on, but we are looking for one more nominee to fill Michelle and Jane's vacant slots on the board. Jack complemented Tara on the wording on the HamNet soliciting candidates.
7. **Welcoming New Residents:** One of the neighbors held a party on Ariel way for new residents. The families enjoyed meeting each other and introducing all the kids to each other. Two houses are under contract on MacBeth, so we will need to keep an eye on those new residents for Robyn.
8. **Report of the ACC:** Alan reported that the house on Dunsinane has been torn down, the color (grey) was approved by the ACC. The house on MacBeth has been constructed, but there is an issue with the swale in the back yard. Alan and Wade have spoken with the builder; problem has been fixed. Jeff will be asking Greg Meyer if he would be willing to sit on the ACC.
9. **Report of the Transportation Committee:** No report.
10. **Lewinsville Coalition/ MCA:** LC met on 2/21 for the first time in about a year. There is a plan to repave Lewinsville Road in 2017. The intersection at Spring Hill/Lewinsville has received funding to evaluate various designs for the intersection. MCA met regarding "Main Street" project (area bounded by Kazan Restaurant, Greenberrys and the land up to Old dominion, including the small shops on that street. They are planning 4-6 story buildings, apartments, two levels of underground parking, 11-foot sidewalks on some streets, a new

connecting road between Staybridge Inn and Old Chain Bridge Road. This development has the potential to create a mini-Ballston in the center of McLean. MCA has proposed a less dense development with more greenspace and smaller buildings. The developer has not yet proposed any proffers to schools, parks or other community facilities. That will probably take place as the proposal undergoes further review by Fairfax County staff and MCA. The General Assembly has passed a bill that any neighborhood can have a cell tower put in without the residents' approval. They also passed a bill regarding proffers: they deemed proffers illegal in most areas except Tysons and the Mclean core.

11. Other Business:

- a. Annual Meeting: April 24th at Spring Hill Elementary School, Jeff has contacted the school to reserve the cafeteria from 7:30-9pm. Jeff has invited John Foust and is still waiting to hear back. April 3rd, we will vote on our slate. Michelle will provide refreshments and be reimbursed.
 - b. Marquee damage has been addressed by two neighbors.
 - c. The barking dog which is irritating a neighbor has settled down a bit.
 - d. Questions regarding noise ordinances seem to have settled down. No major noise is allowed prior to 7am, including leaf blowing. This is a county ordinance. Jeff will frame a HamNet including this information, especially since spring landscaping is coming up.
 - e. Patricia Frye, longtime resident, briefed the board on a parks project. She would like to honor a former resident, Charlotte Bassett Zimmerman, with a park bench. Kline Memorials in Manassas had quoted \$2500 for a granite bench. The Garden Club has allocated \$500 for the bench. They have located Charlotte's son but have not contacted him yet. Discussion ensued regarding where to put the bench. Michelle explained that putting the bench in Hamlet Park would require a county "Adopt a Spot" program. As far as raising funds, Tara suggested a "Matching Funds" program within the neighborhood. The motion to pursue funding for the granite bench for Charlotte was seconded and approved.
 - f. Patricia also mentioned that the winner of the Garden Club contest to improve their yard via natural resources and native species. She would like to present the \$100 award to the winner at the meeting.
 - g. Maggie briefed the board on the status of the entranceway landscaping. There are some plants in desperate need of replacing, as they are "at end of life." There is a need for soil, plants, top soil, mulch delivery. Mulch Madness charges \$200 per weeding. Maggie provided schematics for the main entrance as well as the Falstaff Park entrance. She has been soliciting residents to help water the potential new plants at the entranceways. Michelle will ask her husband about the potential use of free native plants from the county.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting is Monday, 3 April at Michelle's house at 7:30. There will be an Executive meeting prior to that meeting at 7:00 pm.

Michelle Blanton
Secretary
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