McLean Hamlet Community Association
FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2016

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

Board Members Absent: Robyn Lighthammer

Chairpersons and Other Present: Barbara Allen, Roxanne Axtell, Maggie Law

Administrative Business:

1. The meeting was opened in the home of Michelle at 7:35 pm.
2. The agenda and July minutes (with minor edits) were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jeff briefed the board on the current Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved.
4. President's Report: Alan reported on some minor issues in the neighborhood:
    a. Car burglaries - several neighbors have been hit. The board decided to send out a HamNet with the non-emergency police number and encourage neighbors to report any and all disturbances. Additionally, MHCA residents should request more frequent midnight patrols by the Dolley Madison Station.
    b. Police Breakfast sponsored by a neighbor - we will invite the police to our picnic.
    c. SHES - block party 23 September. We will request the organizer notify closest neighbors regarding possible noise.
    d. Tyson's Corner Educational Accommodation Meeting - 5 October. A HamNet will be sent.
5. Report of Nominating Committee: The following members were approved and voted in as new/returning officers: Jeff Shivnen, President; Tara Vold, Vice President; Jack Nightingale, Treasurer; Michelle Blanton, Secretary
6. Newsletter: Roxanne briefed the board on the draft newsletter. Estimated cost is $1300. The current budget for the newsletter is $200, but MHCA has not put out a newsletter in three years. The board discussed the purpose of the newsletter, the intended audience, and the pros and cons of a printed newsletter vice an online newsletter. A motion was made to increase the budget for the yearly newsletter and approved an expenditure of up to $1300.
7. Landscaping: Maggie Law discussed the challenges of finding a landscaping company to help with the entranceway beds. She has been contracting with Mulch Madness for approximately 3 years. She noted they are responsive and she has a good working relationship with them. The current budget is $6500 per year. Maggie is looking at transitioning out of her position soon. She recommended that future Landscaping Committee members consider:
    a. Salt-resistant plants (due to the road treatments, lack of hoses, etc)
    b. Low water requirement plants

    c. Butterfly support plants
    d. Low height requirement for flowering plants under the lettered walls
    e. Lifespan of plants
8. Welcoming New Residents: Barbara welcomed a new neighbor with a bottle of wine and a plant, along with dog treats (since they noticed the residents owned a dog). Robyn will follow up with a welcome letter. Michelle reminded everyone to donate small/medium baskets to Robyn to fill for new neighbors.
9. Report of Transportation and Lewinsville Coalition: Information on website
10. Report of the ACC: Discussion about recent tear-down/rebuilds concerns, lack of mowing/unkempt lawns, etc. A suggestion was made to contact the neighbors, but MHCA does not always have a current address for the owners/landlords. Community complaint form can be notified at FIDO - Fairfax County - see fairfaxcounty.gov for more information
11. Picnic: Invites to dignitaries (including political candidates, representatives, police force, and the Spring Hill Elementary School principal) will go out this week. HamNet will go out this week for information, volunteering, and more. This picnic will be advertised as only to paid members. Picnic Committee chair Denys King will follow up with Michelle and the pool president for last minute needs.
12. What we are hearing from residents:
    a. Transportation markers in August
    b. Dumpsters on streets may be reported to the police non-emergency number. They are illegal.

Next Meeting is Monday, 3 October at Michelle's house at 7:30.

Michelle Blanton
Secretary
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