

McLean Hamlet Community Association
FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2015

Board Members Present: Michelle Blanton, Jeff Shivnen, Robyn Lighthammer, Tara Vold, Denys King, Behram Shroff, Matt Tallent

Board Members Absent: Alan Holmer, Jane Severn, Rick Law

Chairpersons and Others Present: Brett Blanton, Wade Smith

The meeting was called to order in the home of Michelle at 7:35 pm.

Administrative Business:

1. The meeting opened at 7:35 pm in the home of Michelle.
2. The motion to approve the October Minutes and November agenda were seconded and passed unanimously.
3. **Report of the ACC:** Warren briefed the board on a renovation in the neighborhood which was handled very well. He also briefed the board on a tear-down, which has led to some in depth discussions and negotiations with the builder/owner. The ACC followed the progression Brett highlighted previously, and both parties seem to be positive with the resolution.
 - a. A question was raised as to how to approach informing home buyers of our covenants. We do not have a mandatory HOA, but sellers are required to inform buyers of our covenants. As a board, how do we ensure the covenants are given to the buyers? Suggestions were made on how to inform buyers, realtors, and current home owners of the proper protocol.
 - b. Warren brought up the issue of unkempt shrubs, overhanging branches, etc. which may be blocking sidewalks or creating an unattractive environment. He suggested block captains take a larger role in advising neighbors of potentially hazardous situations.
 - i. Tara will discuss with Alan the possibility of reaching out to realtors.
 - ii. The board needs to work on the Welcome Committee
 - iii. Recommendation to discuss and re-evaluate block captains

4. Treasurer's Report: Jeff briefed the board on the monthly report, we are just under \$55,000, with approximately \$700 in expenditures. We have approximately 280 members who have paid dues, down by about 10 from last year and down approximately 70 from 2 years ago. However, we are doing very well money-wise. Twice as many people paid dues via PayPal this year, which is a huge bonus in regards to the paper trail.
5. Transportation Committee: Wade briefed the board on the upcoming meeting regarding truck traffic on Lewinsville Road. It is on 11/17 at 4 PM in the Government Center and it was suggested that a large presence would draw the supervisors' attention and attain an outcome favorable to the residents living on Lewinsville Road. Brett added that the funding for the Lewinsville/Spring Hill roundabout and the Balls Hill/Old Dominion Rd. intersections will now be consolidated into one project. Brett also explained that they are designing a modified round-about, or a "double" roundabout.
6. MCA, Lewinsville Coalition: Behram asked if the MHCA board wants to take a position on the location of the gun store recently placed next to Franklin Sherman Elementary School. General consensus was that MHCA should not take a position on such an emotional issue. A vote to abstain was suggested, assuming a vote is called.
7. Picnic Feedback: Great weather and participation, some feedback:
 - a. Some residents questioned why politicians were in attendance, while others expressed thanks for their participation.
 - b. Suggestions were made to solicit more clean-up support next year.
8. Other Business:
 - a. Throughout the neighborhood there are several street lights out. Brett suggested sending a HamNet with reporting information for both street lights and potholes.
 - b. A board member expressed concern about the recent HamNet soliciting coats for Fairfax County to send to Syrian refugees. Tara suggested there be an internal standard (rule of three?) to determine what is or is not "endorsed" by MHCA. The board tabled the discussion until next month.
 - c. Fun Run info will be forwarded to everyone by Tara.

9. Next Meeting: The next board meeting is Monday, December 7th at 7:30pm at Michelle's house. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.