

**McLean Hamlet Community Association  
FINAL Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
October 3, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Shivnen, Tara Vold, Jack Nightingale, Michelle Blanton, Jane Severn, Behram Shroff, Robyn Lighthammer, Alan Holmer

**Board Members Absent:** Matt Tallent, Denys King

**Chairpersons and Other Present:** Barbara Allen, Warren Gray, Wade Smith

**Administrative Business:**

1. The meeting was opened in the home of Michelle at 7:35 pm.
2. The agenda and September minutes (with minor edits) were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Incoming treasurer Jack briefed the board on the current Treasurer's report. Special consideration was made to the expense of the newsletter. Last month the Board agreed to approve the increase in expense for the printing of the newsletter. Treasurer's report was approved. We have 233 members currently.
4. President's Report: Alan reported on some minor issues in the neighborhood:
  - a. Thanking Alan for his dedicated service as president of the MHCA board, and reflected on the smooth sailing she led us through.
  - b. Long serving members on the board are hinting at finding replacements at the end of their current term.
2. Report of Nominating Committee: Nothing new to discuss
3. Membership/Welcoming of New Residents: Robyn welcomed 2 new families with baskets of wine, snacks, and cards/information/newsletter/directory. Jack and Alan alerted her to one additional family to perform fairy duties to. Other board members chimed in with additional new families. Alan and Robyn will meet this week to coordinate a more streamlined, organized approach to reach new neighbors. Tara volunteered to have a block captain meeting/social at her house.
4. Report of Transportation Committee: The truck ban(s) were passed on Lewinsville Road (Dolley Madison to Spring Hill) and (Spring Hill to Route 7.) Jeff will send a HamNet out notifying neighbors of the hard work the board put in to help the approval of this ban. When questioned how the ban is communicated to truckers, Wade explained there is a "warning period" before police begin to strictly enforce the ban.
5. Report on Lewinsville Coalition: Wade attended a meeting in Foust's office to discuss the intersection of Lewinsville Road at Route 7. There will be a much longer left turn lane from Lewinsville to Route 7, and the current turn lane will move from directly in front of McLean Bible Church light to the other McLean Bible exit. There are also plans and funding to widen Route 7 at that location to 3 lanes each side, construction to begin 7-8 years from now.
6. Report of the MCA: Behram had nothing new to report.
7. Report of the ACC: Discussion ensued regarding recent tear-down/rebuilds, specific to a current builder. The ACC is working intensely to iron out the last details. Questions were raised about another house with a bulldozer parked outside near the pool.
8. Picnic: In Denys' absence, many accolades were given to her for another great picnic. Numerous residents were thrilled at the addition of the laser tag. Much feedback was

heard (again) regarding the absence of the ice cream truck. Many residents are becoming vocal about bringing it back. Some suggestions were made regarding the budget and logistics of bringing back ice cream. Also, long-time resident Olivia Jenney (near 80) is now moving to Princeton with her daughters. She was instrumental in initiating the picnic. Finally, a motion to purchase 2 new MHCA picnic signs for the Snow Meadow entrances was seconded and passed. Michelle will handle their creation and purchase.

9. What we are hearing from residents:

- a. Changing Luminaria to another night other than Christmas Eve. Some board members voiced their response to the complaints that this is perceived as a religious holiday. Suggestions were made to bring it up at the annual meeting or conducting a survey monkey. Jeff reminded everyone that MHCA is entirely volunteer and to please point out to all concerned neighbors that our dues, along with Luminaria, are voluntary. Jeff voiced his opinion that the tradition is important enough to continue to address this topic in the future, but that this year MHCA will not be changing the traditional date. We should also never consider doing away with this age old tradition.
- b. Alan reported an email from a neighbor who was accosted in her car (cut her off and then pinned/blocked her car with his car.) The man identified was asking for money and very aggressive. She called the police later after the incident, gave identifying features of the car and driver. The police advised her to call them immediately next time. Discussion ensued as to whether or not to send a HamNet. Jeff will consult with Matt Tallent for his advice. Another suggestion was made to post the information to the Next Door app.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

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

Michelle Blanton  
Secretary  
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