



MCA NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE, LIAISON AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

August 2016 – December 2016

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) is a non-profit association that has served since 1914 as the unofficial town council for the 31,000+ households in the greater McLean area. MCA provides a forum in which all McLean residents can discuss ways to resolve community problems and countywide issues affecting our area.

Our Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of every month at the McLean Community Center at 7:30 pm, unless changed. MCA President, Jeff Barnett can be reached at: 703-624-1135 and barnett@cox.net

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Word from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We want to wish everyone a very happy New Year and our best wishes for 2017. Now in our 104th year, the McLean Citizens Association remains “the voice of McLean” – and the finest volunteer organization in the Commonwealth.

From August through December 2016, the MCA continued our work representing the interests of McLean area citizens. In October, we hosted a well-attended forum on the proposed 4% Fairfax County Meals Tax referendum, featuring Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Joe Mondoro, the Chief Financial Officer of Fairfax County. MCA also hosted our first holiday party for members in December with wonderful musical contributions from various local schools.

We issued a number of resolutions during this period, including the Meals Tax, sidewalks and walkways, the McLean Community Business Center, Sunrise Assisted Living and a number of local construction projects that needed a special exception or approval from the zoning authorities.

MCA gives you a voice in the present and future of one of America’s most iconic and wonderful communities. If you are concerned about home values, schools, roads, taxes, parks, police/fire and development – JOIN US! If you are already a member – THANK YOU! Call or email us with your ideas and concerns. Tell your neighbors and friends



TRANSPORTATION FORUM

**Thursday, January 26th, at 7:30PM
McLean Community Center**

MCA's January Membership Meeting will focus on local transportation issues.

Tom Biesiadny, the Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will give remarks and answer your questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend. MCA members have priority seating.



about MCA. Volunteer one evening a month to serve on a committee.

For over a century, MCA has proven its effectiveness. We continue to prove that by working together, neighbors can drive real change across the McLean area.

Never hesitate to call [\(703-624-1135\)](tel:703-624-1135) or email me (barnett@cox.net) with ANY suggestions.

Respectfully,

Jeff Barnett, MCA President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All MCA members are welcome to attend Committee meetings and to contact Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs should they wish further information. Members can find more information about MCA Committee activities at www.mcleancitizens.org. Although all meetings are generally held at the McLean Community Center (MCC), the MCC will be under renovation for approximately 22 months, beginning on April 1, 2017. New locations for MCA meetings will be announced.

Budget and Taxation Committee (B&T)

Committee Chair – Dale Stein (dmstein@umich.edu)

Meetings – Third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

The Budget and Taxation Committee monitors Fairfax County's spending and taxing policies and practices, including the County's annual budget, and researches financial issues.

The B & T Committee has been focusing on the impact of the pension programs for Fairfax County employees and Fairfax County Public School employees upon the County's finances. This work follows up on work the Committee did in 2015, which led to a resolution that the MCA Board of Directors issued in April 2015 noting that Fairfax County's pension plans for its



employees were significantly underfunded and required the County to make large annual payments to the pension plans. The resolution urged the County to reduce these costs by giving new employees lower cost, more competitively structured pension plans.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the financial conditions of the Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools pension plans worsened. In Fiscal Year 2016, Fairfax County made cash payments of \$531 million to the County and Public Schools pension plans, an increase of \$64 million from the prior year. Despite those payments, at the end of Fiscal Year 2016, the County and Public Schools also had unfunded “debt” to those pension plans of \$4.7 billion (in today’s dollars), an increase of \$552 million from the prior year, which the County will need to repay, plus interest, in future years. In Fiscal Year 2016 alone, the County’s current payments and debt to the pension plans totaled almost \$1.1 billion.

Pension payments compete for funding of core County services such as education, police, fire, libraries and infrastructure and with funding of other priorities like competitive salaries. And the increasing pension payments contribute to the need for higher taxes.

As a result, the Budget & Taxation Committee approved two resolutions, which it sent to the MCA Board for consideration urging that the County and Public Schools reduce the growth in their annual cash payments to the pension plans and the growth in their debt to the pension plans, and reduce the cost of pension plans for new employees.

Education and Youth Committee (E&Y)

Committee Chair – Louise Epstein (lkepstein@gmail.com)

Vice-Chair – Elizabeth Baird (ehb8023@gmail.com)

Meetings – Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The Education & Youth Committee focuses on issues affecting local schools and youth recreational activities.

In 2016, the MCA Education & Youth (E&Y) Committee chair and vice-chair decided to create subcommittees to develop the facts and recommendations on specific issues before bringing a draft resolution or other proposal to the full E&Y Committee.

Building on prior meetings with County staff who run the School Aged Child Care (SACC) program, Animesh Gupta and Maddie Ellis led a SACC subcommittee that obtained additional information from County staff, including information about long waiting lists at some elementary schools in the greater McLean area, especially Haycock Elementary School.

Kelly Green Kahn led the E&Y meals tax subcommittee, which provided supporting documents for the Budget & Taxation Committee’s meals tax resolution, which the MCA Board adopted. On November 8, however, the meals tax referendum was defeated.

Martin Smith and David Lee comprised a de facto subcommittee regarding MCA student interns. They drafted and presented a resolution to have the MCA select a student intern, who would receive a stipend and provide regular input to the MCA and help with social media and outreach.



The E&Y Committee unanimously agreed with the resolution on student interns, which was referred to the MCA Executive Committee for further consideration.

Evan Draim chairs the E&Y subcommittee on the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) pension program, which is working with the Budget & Taxation Committee on a series of resolutions about County and FCPS pension plans. Last year, the MCA board urged the County and School Board to reduce some of the unusually generous pension benefits offered to County and FCPS employees. This year, the pension subcommittee is building on those resolutions, plus the two additional Budget & Taxation Committee resolutions about County and FCPS pensions, with a new resolution focusing on the supplementary pension plan (ERFC) that pays benefits for life after 30 years of service, so that an employee who started at age 22 and worked for thirty years could receive unreduced ERFC pension payments starting at age 52.

In addition, the E&Y Committee had two meetings with guest speakers.

At one meeting, four local high school students spoke with E&Y Committee members about what FCPS did well and less well in their schools, and how things could be improved. The students noted that high school has become more stressful, with many students feeling pressure to think about college applications starting in 9th grade. They also discussed problems with some ineffective FCPS technology initiatives, such as electronic textbooks and online assignments.

At the second, the E&Y Committee spent an evening talking with the FCPS Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Duran, about the FCPS strategic plan, which includes a substantial investment in technology. Dr. Duran also proposed to revise FCPS high school diploma requirements, including a recommendation that the School Board eliminate the second world history requirement, which the School Board adopted decades ago. The School Board has not yet acted on this recommendation, which would give high school students more flexibility in selecting their courses.

Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee (EP&R)

Committee Co-chairs -- Paul Kohlenberger (paulkohl@msn.com)
Ed Monroe (ewmonroe12pl@gmail.com)

Committee Vice Chairs - Robert Heilen (rheilen@gmail.com)
Merrily Pierce (pierce111@verizon.net)

Meetings – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The EP&R Committee advocates for a balanced approach to protect the McLean Area's natural resources, including streams, river banks, wooded areas and individual trees in our parks, neighborhoods, and the McLean Central Business District. The Committee also promotes provision of active recreational facilities and adequate funding for maintenance of the County's recreational facilities and natural areas.

In September, the Committee welcomed the new Dranesville Park Authority Board member, Tim Hackman, who reported on a variety of park authority issues.



In the November meeting, Ed Monroe provided a presentation mapping out local schools within McLean and the outdoor space and parks associated with those schools. Members discussed current recreational uses of the athletic fields with many of the fields being heavily scheduled. Also the Committee discussed current education efforts such as those at Churchill Road Elementary school, as well as opportunities for further student engagement in greenspaces, such as removal of invasive plants, native plantings, and stream bank restoration.

McLean Trees Foundation reported on its discussion with Urban Forestry Management Division for retention of existing trees as a credit in storm water management site plans. Feasibility would have to be analyzed by Urban Forestry, as well as Stormwater Management Divisions. Also, for the Dead Run stream restoration, expected tree size is 6 – 7 feet in height to reduce deer browse. Questions remain concerning long term maintenance of these trees.

For the December meeting, EP&R members attended the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) public meeting (December 14th) for review of Tysons Implementation Plan Amendment (Plan) with representatives from Fairfax County. In follow-up, the Committee drafted comments on the Plan and submitted them to the GTCC. EP&R reported on its comments at the MCA board meeting and will continue to follow-up with the process.

Also, in Fall 2016, EP&R focused on the following issues:

- Active Recreation Updates by Jane Scott Jones re: Lewinsville Center Park, and Joel Stillman, President with McLean Youth Athletics
- Discussion of “green city” initiatives with focus on the global network for incorporating nature in the urban landscape, known as Biophilic Cities (<http://biophiliccities.org/>)
- Dead Run Stream Restoration (expected project start - Fall 2017)
- Langley Fork Park Land Swap, discussion with Tim Hackman, Dranesville District PA Board
- Saucy Branch Park Resolution; subsequent classification as a Resource Based Park by PA
- Tyson’s Park System Concept Plan, presentation by Andi Dorlester, Fairfax County Park Authority
- 4th Annual McLean Tree Forum planning; as in past years, the forum will be presented in conjunction with a variety of community stakeholders.

Membership Committee

Committee Chair – Martin Smith (martinsmith@cox.net)

Vice-Chair – Mariane Herndon (marianer@verizon.net)

Meetings – First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise announced)

The Membership Committee develops strategies for increasing MCA membership and organizes and coordinates numerous MCA events, in addition to tracking MCA membership numbers, responding to membership inquiries, and updating the MCA website. If you are interested in learn-



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ing more about the Committee, or about how to get involved in the new events we are planning, please reach out to us at mcamembership@gmail.com.

On behalf of the MCA and the Membership Committee, we would like to thank you for being a MCA member/supporter during our 103-year journey. We would love for you to share and actively participate in MCA's activities along with your neighbors. Together we can make a difference in the McLean area.

Events and Activities: Here is a summary of activities that the Membership Committee engaged in or planned during the past few months:

- October Membership Meeting -- MCA hosted its Fall membership meeting, which focused on the Meals Tax referendum.
- MCA Annual Holiday Party – The Membership Committee, along with the MCA Board, planned and hosted its first ever holiday party. Thanks to the following: Bonnie Heebner, who managed the decorations; Andrea DelVecchio, who was responsible for getting the choirs from two elementary schools and the McLean High School jazz ensemble; Francesca Gutowski and Glenn Harris, who were responsible for the snacks and drinks; Jeff Barnett, Alan Arellano, Bill Crosby, Martin and Marty Smith, Wahid Sajjad, Linda Walsh, Dale Stein, David Lee, Patrick Smaldore, Mariane Herndon, and other MCA volunteers helped with the setup, execution, and cleanup of the event. You can view the pictures on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/mcleancitizens/photos/>.
- January Membership Meeting -- Our winter membership meeting is scheduled for January 26th and will host the Fairfax Department of Transportation Director, Tom Biesiadny. Mr. Biesiadny will discuss and address the transportation issues impacting the McLean area.

Change of Leadership: Animesh Gupta has stepped down from his position as Chair of the Membership Committee, and Martin Smith is taking his place. The Committee thanks Animesh for his leadership and many contributions to the MCA.

Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee

Committee Chair – Ron Bleeker (rableeker@gmail.com)

Vice-Chair – John Schaefer (johnr.schaeffer@att.net)

Meetings – Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise announced.

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The Planning and Zoning Committee monitors land use matters in or that may affect the MCA Planning District (such as Tysons development), including cases in that area that come before the Fairfax County Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Committee also reviews proposed changes to state or local land use laws and regulations, including proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County.



During September-December, 2016, P&Z held three monthly meetings on both continuing and new matters, and submitted three resolutions that were approved by the MCA Board.

At its September 27 meeting, the Committee and a representative of the Mt. Daniel Home Owners' Association (HOA) discussed the recent decision by the Planning Commission to approve plans by the City of Falls Church to expand Mt. Daniel Elementary School, subject to several enforceable conditions. In July 2016, MCA adopted a P&Z resolution opposing this expansion due to the traffic congestion it would cause in the sole access road. MCA believes that its resolution was helpful in obtaining the conditions from Falls Church.

The Committee also discussed a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow an increase in density in a small subsection of central McLean. Because of a recent change in Virginia law, this change was believed necessary to allow the continued use of public amenity "proffers" by developers in central McLean. P&Z submitted a Resolution to the MCA Board supporting this limited amendment, but also reiterating MCA's concern about density of development in Central McLean. In October 2016, the MCA Board adopted this Resolution and submitted it to the Planning Commission. The amendment was later adopted by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

At its October 25 meeting, P&Z unanimously approved a resolution honoring its former Chairman, Mark Zetts, for his distinguished service to MCA. The MCA Board also unanimously approved this resolution in November 2016 and presented a framed copy to Mr. Zetts.

The Committee also heard a presentation on behalf of the Chesterbrook Swimming & Tennis Club regarding its proposed renovation. After obtaining assurances regarding lighting, the preservation of tree cover, and stormwater control, P&Z voted to support this amendment. A late request was made by the County to replace an existing sidewalk (which would have had several negative impacts, including loss of tree cover). In November 2016, the MCA adopted a P&Z resolution supporting the Club's plan, but opposing the need for a new sidewalk, and submitted the Resolution to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). On Nov. 29, the BZA approved the Club's plan, and held that the sidewalk was unnecessary.

Finally, the Committee heard from a representative of the Lemon Road Civic Association (LRCA) concerning a proposed waiver of a minimum lot width, creating a "pipestem" lot, on Idylwood Road. While MCA has long opposed granting waivers for this purpose, the LRCA was negotiating with the developer to obtain several neighborhood improvements, and was therefore supporting the plan. Counsel for the developer presented her case at P&Z's November meeting, and to the Planning Commission on Nov. 30. However, by agreement of all parties, Planning Commissioner Ulfelder postponed the decision on this matter until Jan. 18 so that MCA can provide its input. The Committee is currently preparing a draft Resolution.

The November 29 P&Z meeting was a marathon 4-hour session. P&Z heard two presentations by Fairfax County Planning & Zoning Staff. One concerned a proposed new process ("Fairfax First") for amending the County Comprehensive Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in early 2017. The second concerned proposed amendments to the Tysons Comprehensive Plan. P&Z will be preparing comments on both proposals. In addition, P&Z heard a preliminary presentation on behalf of Capitol One regarding its proposed new buildings in Tysons;



they will be back in early 2017 to present a more detailed plan. Also, the Committee heard a presentation on behalf of Verizon concerning a proposal to put new cell phone equipment on top of an existing Dominion Power utility pole on Chain Bridge Road. This issue was then referred to the McLean Planning Committee, which met on December 21. The Planning Commission hearing has been deferred to Jan. 26 to allow time for community input.

Finally, over 100 citizens attended this Nov. 29 meeting to hear a presentation by Sunrise of its revised plan to construct an assisted living facility at the intersection of Kirby and Westmoreland. Earlier in the year, MCA had adopted a Resolution opposing Sunrise's proposal. However, on November 15, Sunrise submitted a revised plan. At this P&Z meeting, counsel for Sunrise explained the changes made in the revised plan, after which questions were asked by both the committee and members of the audience. At its next meeting, on Jan. 24, the committee will hear from a representative of the coalition of HOAs opposing the new Sunrise plan.

Transportation Committee (T)

Committee Co-chairs – Jim Robertson (jim@ann-jim.com)

David Wuerhrmann (david.wuerhrmann@gmail.com)

Meetings – Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The Transportation Committee follows the progress of major transportation initiatives that impact the McLean area; listens to concerns of area residents and neighborhoods to identify problem intersections and other safety related issues on local streets and roadways, including pedestrian and bicycle issues; and works with local governmental officials to develop solutions to traffic issues.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION: The Transportation Committee made two organizational changes in the period:

- The Committee reorganized to focus on individual committee members to act as the “lead” on items of interest to the committee and residents of the McLean area.
- There has been a change in committee leadership with Jim Phelps stepping down from his role as Co-Chair and David Wuehrmann stepping in to serve as Co-Chair along with Jim Robertson.

MCA MIDWINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The annual mid-winter Membership meeting will focus on Transportation issues with the featured speaker being Tom Biesiadny, Fairfax County Director of Transportation. The committee has sent a number of questions to be covered and the meeting will be open for questions from those attending.

AIRCRAFT NOISE: At the request of the Reagan National Airport Noise Working Group, a modification to the north departure route from Reagan National (DCA) Airport is currently under development by the FAA. The development and implementation process will require at least 18 months. The modification is expected to be approved, and it is expected to have no effect on aircraft noise heard in the McLean area.



I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY: Installation of tolling equipment for the Transform 66 Inside-the-Beltway project is scheduled for tolls to begin in Summer 2017. The contractor will install approximately 125 signs on I-66 and local roads approaching the interstate, as well as eight overhead toll collection gantries on I-66. The VDOT project is designed to deliver more reliable trips for transit riders and carpoolers, as well as a new travel choice for solo drivers.

ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ROUTE 7 WIDENING PROJECT: The construction project will widen 6.9 miles of Route 7 between Jarrett Valley Road and Reston Parkway and make major changes to intersections at Barron Cameron Road, Lewinsville Road and Colvin Run Road, in addition to other intersections, and other features of the highway. VDOT now estimates the project will cost \$233.9 million, with construction being completed in three overlapping phases: 1) Jarrett Valley to Beulah, 2) Beulah to Barron Cameron, and 3) Barron Cameron to Reston, which will be accompanied by Right-of-Way Acquisition, involving 258 landowners, and Utility Relocation, all starting in 2018 and being completed in 2025. MCA Transportation Committee, along with representatives from other areas along the route, has participated on the VDOT Working Group for about three years and has provided input and suggestions to VDOT on many details of the project.

AMERICAN LEGION BRIDGE: The American Legion Bridge continues to be a point of major traffic congestion along the I-495 Beltway, especially during commuting hours. In November 2015, the U.S. Congress passed a Five-year Transportation Bill, the FAST Act, calling for increases in transportation spending on roads, bridges and transit systems. Funding for roads and bridges was increased to \$11.42 Billion. How these funds will flow to the states is not clear, but the committee will continue its efforts to support expansion of the bridge. So far, there has been no encouraging action on the part of Maryland, the owner of the bridge.

GW PARKWAY: The National Park Service has embarked on a project to improve the GW Parkway between Spout Run and I-495 and to rebuild the Memorial Bridge. The Park Superintendent briefed the MCA Board at its July meeting during which he described plans for the projects. McLean area residents have already been subjected to single-lane closures as work on highway bridges has commenced, which will continue throughout the life of the project.

ROUTE 7/ROUTE 123 CIRCLE DESIGN: The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is evaluating possible configurations for the improvement of the intersection at Route 7 and Route 123. A design has not been selected and the Committee will continue to monitor and provide inputs.

PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS: The MCA Board has approved a committee resolution on County Sidewalks and Walkways calling for the County to publish a Strategic Plan covering annual costs to maintain walkways and pursue new construction projects.

I-66 OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY I-495 TO HAYMARKET: When completed, I-66 outside the Beltway will feature three regular lanes in each direction, two express lanes in each direction, upgraded interchanges and other improvements. These enhancements, in combination with high-frequency bus service, additional park-and-ride lots and other initiatives to increase ride-sharing, are focused on moving more people and helping travelers experience faster, safer and more reli-



able trips. After selecting a private-sector partner, the VDOT will hold public meetings and a design public hearing next year prior to the start of construction.

METRO/SAFETRACK: The Metro system has completed the major repairs on the above-ground track on the Orange Line from Ballston to Vienna. It is still conducting SafeTrack work on the underground portions of the Silver and Orange Lines from Ballston through the District of Columbia, but that work will be during off-peak hours.

Tysons Liaison Committee

Committee Chair – Rob Jackson (rhjackson10@verizon.net)
Sally Horn (s-horn@msn.com)

Meetings – the third Thursday of most months at 7:30 pm.

The MCA's Tysons Liaison Committee works with interested organizations and individuals from neighboring communities, as part of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition ("GTCC") organization, to monitor activities affecting Tysons and the neighboring communities.

The GTCC has focused its efforts in two areas in the September-December timeframe:

- Working with the Fairfax County Police Department and Tysons Partnership to assist in the development of requirements and strategies for police services both in Tysons and the surrounding areas, including McLean, as Tysons urbanizes over the next 30 years. A part of this effort will be outreach to the community, most likely sometime in 2017, to solicit ideas for cost-effective approaches to meeting both the needs of the neighboring suburban communities and an urban Tysons. Among the factors that we will consider are the extent to which new technologies and public-private collaborations might be force-multipliers in a public resource-constrained environment and best practices in urban areas.
- Reviewing the draft update to the 2010 Tysons Comprehensive Plan Amendment. This update, which is formally called the draft Tysons Implementation Plan, is intended to guide private and public facility development and transportation requirements to support growth in Tysons through 2050.

On December 14, 2016, County staff briefed the GTCC on the principal changes to the Plan and answered GTCC member questions. The key concerns raised by GTCC members at the meeting related to the proposal to drop the limit on the amount of authorized office development that could occur over the 40 year time frame of the Plan, the extent to which the transportation and other infrastructure would be in place when needed, language proposed to be added to the 2010 approved plan that would undercut the commitment to locate 20 active athletic fields within Tysons, and concerns about assumptions guiding planning for public schools to serve Tysons.

The Co-Chairs solicited written comments from GTCC members by January 1, 2017. These comments will be shared, as appropriate, with County staff, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.



The Planning Commission public hearing on the draft is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm; the Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 4 pm.

To review the Plan, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/tysonsplanamendments2013.htm>

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Liaison to the McLean Community Center Board of Governors

MCA Liaison to the McLean Community Center Board of Governors – Andrea DelVecchio (amalad53@aol.com)

The McLean Community Center (MCC) Liaison Reports to the MCA on activities of the MCC Board of Governors, the MCC Development Committee, and the MCC Finance Committee.

After a public hearing on September 12, on September 28, the MCC Governing Board approved the Center's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 18. The budget would maintain the tax rate to support the Center at 2.3 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate values. The County Board of Supervisors will consider the Center's budget for final approval in April. The McLean Community Center on Ingleside Ave. is scheduled to close for renovations starting April 1, 2017. New operating space has been secured. The MCC administrative offices will be located at 6631 Old Dominion Drive. The majority of MCC classes will be held at 6645 Old Dominion Drive. Both locations are adjacent to the Balducci's Shopping Center. The Mclean Project for the Arts will be housed in the Giant Food Shopping at 1446 Chain Bridge Road. The large, outdoor community events produced by the Center will continue at previous locations in McLean.

Public Safety Liaisons

MCA Public Safety Liaisons – Patrick Smaldore (patricksmaldore@rocketmail.com)
Alan Caldwell (acaldwell9114@gmail.com)

The Public Safety Liaisons represent the MCA in meetings with various Fairfax County public safety agencies including: the Deputy County Executive for Public Safety; the Police Department; the Fire & Rescue Department; the Department of Public Safety Communications; and the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. The Liaisons maintain a strong partnership with these agencies, and help develop public safety programs for the MCA.

MCA and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce jointly hosted a well-received Public Safety Preparedness Program on Wednesday October 19th. The panel discussed: Fairfax County Emergency preparedness, response, and recovery services; business continuity during disaster situations; and, the FBI's secure InfraGard environment for the exchange of intelligence and information among the public and private sectors. The Public Safety Preparedness Program presen-



tations brought 3 key players to the same table: McLean Business Sector; Fairfax County Government; and the FBI. The Liaisons are planning another jointly hosted Public Safety Preparedness Program for early 2017. All MCA members are invited to attend (free).

For the third consecutive year, the Public Safety Liaison continued to advocate for Sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. All MCA members are eligible to register through the Quarterly McLean Community Center (MCC) Program Guides. In 2016, 19 citizens completed the MCC Fall CERT Program

Tysons Partnership

MCA Representative to Tysons Partnership – Sally Horn (s-horn@msn.com)

The Tysons Partnership is a membership organization of developers/landowners, businesses and residential communities within the Tysons area. It was established in early 2011 to help implement the county-approved plan for Tysons by enabling collaboration among these communities and with Fairfax County staff. MCA monitors the activities of the Partnership and, when appropriate, provides perspectives on the views and concerns of the MCA area.

The Tysons Partnership is governed by a 45-member Board of Directors. Fairfax County has a representative who serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Board; MCA and the town of Vienna have liaisons to the Board. The Partnership is principally focused on: marketing and branding; meeting County transportation requirements, including reduction of single-occupant trips and reducing traffic congestion; urban design/planning; public facilities and community amenities; finance; and, sustainability initiatives. The Board of Directors meets six times a year on alternate months. For more information, please go to: <http://www.tysonspartnership.org>.

McLean Revitalization Corporation Representatives

MCA Representatives to the McLean Revitalization Corporation – Roshan Baddi Carter (roshan.carter@longandfoster.com), Patrick Smaldore (patricksmaldore@rocketmail.com)

The McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC) promotes the social and economic vitality of the McLean Community Business Center (CBC). The MRC Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, go to <http://www.mcleanvision.org>.

The MRC Streetscape project Gateway Signage was completed in July 2016.

The MRC fabricated and installed four signs at the entrances to the CBC. The Signs read, “McLean is a Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly Community”. The last sign installation was completed in conjunction with a pedestrian median that was constructed and planted with a variety of native plants on Old Dominion Drive and McLean Drive. The Sign was initially installed on the median. Later, it was moved to the side on Old Dominion Drive to improve visibility. The objectives of the project are to encourage pedestrian and bicycle activity and to alert cars to slow down as they enter the McLean Community Business Center (CBC).



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The next phase of Streetscape Project required the donation or purchase of 13 easements from the CBC property owners for landscape enhancements. The improvements include brick pavers, better lighting, and benches along Chain Bridge Road between Curran Street and Redmond Drive. The landscaping plan is in final stages. Once VDOT issues the permit, the bid for a contractor will open in spring of 2017. The construction of this phase should begin in 2017.

An MRC special committee is working on a creation of a new MRC website for general use to include a calendar for events in McLean, and to provide some visibility for the retailers in McLean CBC.

Selected MRC members in conjunction with the McLean Planning Committee and the Supervisors office staff contributed to establishing a 3 FAR area in the CBC. Virginia assembly passed legislations to severely restrict the use of proffers for public improvements. The revitalizations areas like McLean were exempt from this law if a 3 FAR section was established.



MCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



For only \$15 a year you will:

- Influence local issues affecting you and your family.
- Network with community experts.
- Get inside information on schools, roads, zoning, taxes, parks and public safety.
- Receive the MCA Newsletter with timely updates about the McLean Area.
- Enjoy preferred seating at MCA debates and events with elected leaders.

The MCA boundaries are the same as the McLean Planning District, which encompasses McLean, Great Falls up to Difficult Run, Vienna between Routes 7 and 267, and Falls Church East of Route 7.

Membership is easy!

To join and pay online (using PAYPAL) click membership and follow the online instructions: www.mcleancitizens.org/mem_form.html .

Or

To join and pay by check mail this form with a check payable to "MCA" to:
McLean Citizens Association, P.O. Box 273, McLean, VA 22101

Check One: New Member
 Existing Member

Payment Type: Check
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Check one membership type:

1 Year – Dual (\$30) 1 Year – Single (\$15)
 2 Years – Dual (\$60) 2 Years – Single (\$30)
 3 Years – Dual (\$90) 3 Years – Single (\$45)
 5 Years – Dual (\$150) 5 Years – Single (\$75)

Member #1 Name: _____ Member #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Member #1 Phone: _____ Member #1 Email _____

Member #2 Phone: _____ Member #2 Email _____

Please indicate your interest in specific MCA committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Budget & Taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment, Parks & Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Tysons Corner Liaison	

I would like MCA to investigate: _____

NOTE: Your personal information will not be shared with any other organization.

MCA -- Representing the interests of McLean Area citizens for over 100 years.

Thank You For Your Support!