



## **McLean Citizens Association Resolution**

### **Honoring Mark Zetts for Service to MCA and the McLean Community**

**November 2, 2016**

**Whereas**, Mark Zetts has been a member of the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) since 2002; and

**Whereas**, Mark Zetts served as Chair or Co-Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee (P&Z) of the MCA for over nine years, from April, 2007 through July, 2016; and

**Whereas**, since 2002, Mark Zetts also served as corresponding secretary of the MCA, member of the Board of Directors of the MCA, and in many other capacities for the MCA; and

**Whereas**, this service was distinguished by his exceptional dedication and selfless devotion to the best interests of the MCA and of the McLean community; and

**Whereas**, members of the Planning & Zoning Committee hereby submit the following comments regarding Mark Zetts:

1. "Mark cared. I believe he deeply understood the values of the McLean community and the fact that the way we use the land we live in has the potential to protect or to destroy our quality of life... Whenever he saw a chance, he tried to modify projects to better protect McLean... If we now have some understanding of what the future holds, it is thanks to Mark and his untiring work."
2. "I have so many memories of Mark working tirelessly to advocate for our communities ... That was his greatest strength – knowledge. Mark was/is an encyclopedia on land use (period)."
3. "Mark mapped the Right-of-Way necessary to widen the Dulles Toll Road to meet the requirements of the proposed Tysons Comprehensive Plan. He also worked with [us] to develop and refine our advocacy efforts on Tysons."
4. "Lemon Road Citizens Association recalls with gratitude the support shown by the MCA P&Z committee, led by Mark, for the inclusion of substantial noise control measures ... Mark devoted many hours to mastering the various aspects of the new Fairfax County Noise Control Ordinance, and advocating successfully for many important improvements in that Ordinance."
5. "Mark has gone above and beyond what any other chair has ever done (including me) ... Mark is the ultimate truth seeker... McLean has been extraordinarily lucky to have him as P&Z chair for so many years."

6. "Mark was there for every local land-use issue. I remember him most for his work on Tysons... If anyone can be called the sage of land use, it is probably Mark."
7. "I then recognized the deep and dedicated devotion [Mark] had to P&Z issues".
8. "Mark went to bat for our neighborhood [Franklin Park] at the public hearing and made a strong case, like he always did."; and

**Whereas**, Dranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder offered the following comments regarding the service of Mark Zetts:

"First, Mark and his opinions on land use matters were highly respected by all the members of the Planning Commission... This, in turn, added weight and stature to the voice of the MCA at the Planning Commission...

Second, Mark not only represented the MCA before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, but also attended numerous Planning Commission committee meetings... He spoke up often, making certain that the interests and concerns of McLean residents were understood and adequately considered by both County staff and the Planning Commissioners...

Third, in his role as [co-chair of P&Z], Mark developed a deep understanding and knowledge of the Fairfax County land use process on a par with the County staff and the professional land use community...

Fourth, I believe it was obvious to everyone that Mark put his heart and soul into his work ... He did so because he believes that the MCA and [P&Z] play a critical role in making certain that future development and change in McLean is fully in accord with the community's vision;" and

**Whereas**, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust offered the following comments regarding the service of Mark Zetts:

"I have never worked with anyone I respect more than Mark Zetts. He is knowledgeable, hard-working, conscientious, and he is passionate about land use and the role it can play in making all our lives better. When dealing with a difficult planning and zoning issue, whether it was a McLean or a county-wide issue, I always wanted to know what Marks's analysis and opinion were. I am very grateful for all the many contributions Mark has made to our community and I will miss him serving in his role at MCA."

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the McLean Citizens Association expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation for the many services rendered by Mark Zetts to this Association and to the McLean area community.

*Approved by the MCA Board of Directors*

*November 2, 2016*