

McLean Planning Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 16, 2011

Present:

- Jim Peoples
- Maya Huber
- Mary Baker
- Ann Seaman
- Steve Keller
- Gin Kinneman
- Robin Crawford
- Dan Duval
- Elizabeth Morton
- Desmond O'Rourke
- Doug Potts
- Ghassan Abukurah

Guests: Ben Wiles (Dranesville District Supervisor's Office)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:36P.M. by Jim Peoples, Vice-President.

President's Report

- Mary Baker was appointed Secretary for the February 16, 2011 meeting
- The Minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ann Seaman)

- Ann Seaman reported cash on hand of \$5,627.01. The CD had earned \$10.24 and is up for renewal.
- A motion was made and passed to renew the CD for a period of one year at the rate of 1.0%.

Supervisor's Report (Ben Wiles)

- There is a new parking restriction on Whittier Avenue. Parking is not allowed between 10:00pm and 6:00am.
- On March 23, Supervisor Faust will be holding a County Budget meeting at 7:00pm in the McLean Community Center. All are invited.

MRC Report

- Dan Duval reported one landowner has still not agreed to undergrounding and there are some technical issues remaining. A utility consulting firm has been hired to keep the project within budget and the construction target date is June, 2011.

Mr. Duval said a presentation had been made by Kevin Dent and Dave Sanders of the McLean Community Center Board concerning an additional downtown McLean venue. It is questionable whether the Old Firehouse will fit the needs of the MCC. The MCC does not want to wait for Dan Montgomery to take action.

- Doug Potts reported that the Pedestrian Task Force Advisory Group is applying for a \$5,000 grant from the Fluor-Transurban Hot Lanes grant program to pay for the design of "Gateway" signs into the downtown McLean CBC. The total project is estimated to cost \$10,000. Matching funds will be sought from other sources. The Task Force Group is working on "Gateway" signs stating that McLean is a pedestrian friendly community. The Task Force would like these signs to be installed at four locations: (1) on Old Dominion Dr. near Pimmit Run crossing, (2) at the intersection of Westmoreland St. and Chain Bridge Rd., (3) at the intersection of Chain Bridge Rd. and Dolley Madison Blvd. and (4) at the intersection of Old Dominion Dr. and Dolley Madison Blvd.
- Ann Seaman mentioned that the bus shelter for the Shell Station is still in her garage and asked that the MRC put this matter on the MRC Agenda.

MPC Sub-Committee Reports

- **6862 Elm Street:** Jim Peoples reported that the Sub-Committee, having met on 2/07/11 with EYA, the developer, decided that further pursuit of this project is not warranted unless serious changes are made to the plans. Despite the opinion of EYA, the plan changes are not in compliance with the Comp Plan and not in compliance with the zoning.

Peoples had sent a letter to Supervisor Faust stating it was unlikely the MPC would approve the developer's proposed plan. Some members of the MPC Board expressed concern that the Elm Street Sub-Committee sent this letter of opinion to the Supervisor without first bringing a resolution to the MPC Board for a vote.

A motion was made by Ann Seamans and seconded by Robin Crawford: "Opinion letters to the Supervisor should not be sent out without a vote by the MPC." The motion was defeated, but members present thought that, in the future, opinion letters to the Supervisor should not be sent forward without a vote by the MPC Board.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes prepared by Mary Baker, Secretary for February 2011 Meeting