

**McLean Planning Committee**  
*Minutes of Regular Meeting*  
May 18, 2011

**Members in attendance:**

Rich Salopek	Ron Jerro	Doug Potts
Ghassan Abukurah	Steve Keller	Ann Seaman
Mary Baker	Gin Kinneman	Marcus Simon
Robin Crawford	Jim Peoples	Jim Turner
Maya Huber		

**Guests:**

Ben Wiles, Supervisor's Office	Steven Pournaras, Elm Street	Bridget Hill, Fairfax County Office of
McLean Mews HOA Representative	neighbor	Community Revitalization and
	Craig Bennett, Elm Street Neighbor	Reinvestment

**Call to Order** (Rich Salopek)

- The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM

**President's Report** (Rich Salopek)

- Approval of April 2011 Meeting Minutes *(with 2 changes from Jim Peoples)*
- New Director Introduction: Marcus Simon was introduced as a new MPC Director representing the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

**Treasurers Report** (Ann Seaman)

- On hand: \$5527.01

**Supervisor's Report** (Ben Wiles)

- The Capital One Bank (formerly Chevy Chase Bank) signage issue will be heard by the BZA on June 22. The conditions of the proffers say that the letters on the signs should be red and they are white. No one from MPC felt strongly about this item and no one from MPC will attend the BZA hearing.

**MRC Report** (Doug Potts)

- The Pedestrian Taskforce received \$2,500 from the Transurban Group to install signage welcoming people to the Mclean business district. The group received this check in a ceremony at Transurban's office last week.
- The Pedestrian Taskforce has preliminary approval from the Commonwealth of VA to receive a \$200K grant to improve the Old Dominion and Chain Bridge Road intersection for pedestrian traffic. This project will demonstrate best practices for a pedestrian-friendly intersection.
- Undergrounding is on track in downtown McLean and all of the easements are almost complete.

**Sub-Committee Report: 6862 Elm Street** (Jim Peoples)

- The Subcommittee's report was distributed to county staff, the developer, and Supervisor Faust.
- Mr. Steven Pournaras, an Elm Street neighbor, sent a letter to Supervisor Faust opposing the 6862 Elm Street development.
- Mr. Peoples shared a hand drawn schematic drawings of a revised site plan that he obtained from the Supervisor's office. The developer has made no formal resubmission to Fairfax County.

- Maya Huber suggested that the MPC focus on the fundamentals of the project, including the density issue, the request for C4 zoning, the parking garage structure, and the removal of the through street.

**Sub-Committee Report: Comprehensive Plan Review** (Maya Huber)

- The sub-committee is tasked with looking at the use of the *permissive* words “may” and “should” within the CBC portion of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The subcommittee met and had some technical issues with accessing to the comprehensive plan. Bridget Hill recommended looking at Revitalization's website for a version that may be easier for the subcommittee to use.
- There are approximately 100 instances of uses of the words “may” and “should” in the McLean CBC section of the Comprehensive Plan. Most of these instances are benign, but several instances could potentially be perceived as permissive and result in negative consequences.
- The group will continue with its mission and report on progress at subsequent MPC meetings.

**New Business: June Elections** (Rich Salopek)

- Next month the MPC will hold its annual elections. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce will nominate a representative to be President; the Surrounding Citizens for Vice President, the Landowners for Treasurer, and MCA for Secretary. All Directors and Alternates will be required to submit appointment documentation in accordance with the MPC Bylaws.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM