

MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 17, 2009 Meeting

In Attendance:

Mary Baker, Jim Peoples, Winnie Pizzano, Maya Huber, Steve Keller, Diane Schum, Scott Monett, Doug Potts, Simon Romano, Rich Salopek, Dan DuVal, and Jim Turner attended as members. Jane Edmondson, representing the Supervisor's Office, Bob Montgomery and Vida Sadaka of McLean Properties, Bill Sudow of McLean Revitalization Corporation, and Kathleen Wysocki of McLean Mews HOA attended as guests.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Doug Potts, Chair.

Main Street Presentation:

Vidal Sadaka and Bob Montgomery updated the Committee on revitalization plans for Areas 5 and 6 of the South Village. Specifically, McLean Properties has selected four architectural design firms who are to submit, in July 2009, redevelopment concepts incorporating retail, entertainment, office and residential uses for the space. A preliminary "first draft" plan is anticipated by late summer-early fall. Community input from Town Meetings will be given to the four selected firms as will the sentiment that the Teen Center should be kept in the design if possible.

The Minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

President/Executive Committee Report:

Doug Potts announced a Public Information Meeting organized by Supervisor Foust and the McLean Pedestrian Task Force for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:00pm in the McLean Community Center. The intent is to hear what residents are thinking about pedestrian/bicycle safety and access in downtown McLean.

Treasurer's Report:

In Ann Seaman's absence Jim Turner reported a total of \$5,943.46 in MPC accounts, an amount identical to the previous month's statement.

Supervisor's Report:

Jane Edmondson reported that 1470 Ingleside Ave. looked very nice and the McFaddens had done essentially what they promised.

MRC Report:

Dan DuVal reported that utility undergrounding is making progress somewhat with two easements being signed, although Sunoco and BP are challenging. A brief discussion concerning bike lane striping on both sides of Chain Bridge Road from the intersection with Westmoreland to downtown South Village developed. It was conceded that in order to accommodate the striping, the newly constructed center median extending from the Lutheran Church to the Medical Building would have to be sacrificed.

MPC Subcommittee Reports:

Mini-Warehouse:

Maya Huber passed around to the Committee concept drawings of the proposed building. The response was a near unanimous contempt for the large mass and unattractive design elements of the renderings, which are not harmonious with nearby existing structures. Some members voiced an acceptance of a warehouse similar to the proposal conditioned upon a very sizable monetary proffer.

McLean Crest:

Jane Edmondson reported that she had a conversation with Pat Via, attorney for McLean Crest, who told her that the McLean Crest HOA Board is trying to determine what to do. Do they spend money trying to get the County to accept the Proffer Condition Amendment Application or do they just try to get the approval of 100% of the residents to the change in the proffers.

There was no report from the MPC Record Storage subcommittee.

Old Business:

Doug Potts asked for reimbursement of personal outlays relating to Pedestrian Task Force expenses. Reimbursement was approved.

New Business:

Jim Peoples informed the Committee that the house at 1566 Chain Bridge Road (across from the Lutheran Church at the Westmoreland St. intersection) has been sold to a McLean resident and the new owner intends to ask for a “special exception” in order to establish a business at the location.

Jane Edmondson informed the Committee that the outdoor garden located at 6623 Old Dominion is in violation of the zoning ordinance. The owner was issued a Notice of Violation on May 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully,

Jim Turner, Secretary