

**McLean Community Center
2012-2013 Governing Board Final Meeting
June 5, 2013**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Kevin Dent, Chair; Chad Quinn, Vice Chair; Craig Richardson, Secretary; Drew Armstrong; Susan Bourgeois; Jay Howell; Malika Nimmagadda; Risa Sanders; Laurelie Wallace; and Robin Walker

Board Member Absent: Sean A. Dunn, Treasurer

Staff Members Present: George Sachs, Executive Director; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; Maggie Shea, General Program Director; Ryan Brookes, Intergenerational Program Director; and Ellen Barial, Executive Assistant

Guests Signed In: Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff, Office of Supervisor John W. Foust
Bill DuBose, McLean Project for the Arts Board Chair
Steve Pardo, incoming Board Member
Sudharsan (Suddy) Sriram, incoming Board Member

Mr. Dent convened the meeting of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) at approximately 7:40 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

The Governing Board adopted the meeting agenda unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Guests introduced themselves and indicated their reasons for attending the meeting.

McLean Project for the Arts Report

Mr. DuBose reviewed the monthly MPA report to the MCC Governing Board. An excerpt from the written MPA report is on page five.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2013 MEETING

The Governing Board approved minutes of its April 24, 2013 meeting unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Kevin Dent)

Mr. Dent's report included the following items:

Executive Director's Review: Mr. Sachs' annual review was concluded in late May, with Mr. Sachs receiving a very good review. Board Members are pleased with his performance.

The James C. Macdonald Arts Scholarship Competition: Mr. Dent presented awards to winners and finalists in the Scholarship Competition, who he said had performed impressively. There were competitors in all categories of the competition: dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual arts, and vocal music.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (George Sachs)

Mr. Sachs updated the Board on MCC activities during April and May 2013; his written report is below:

Performing Arts:

- The Alden Theatre had a total of six performances in May and eight in June.
- Highlights for these two months were: **Music** by Asphalt Orchestra; **Dance** by Christopher K Morgan & Artists; **Kids & Family shows** by Gustafer Yellowgold, Red Riding Hood and Other Stories, and Gray Seal Puppets Barker Bill's Wagtime Revue; **McLean Community Players** performance of "Rumors".

Special Events:

- April 6th – McLean Spring Community Garage Sale and Recycling Event
- April 19th – Sellout crowd for the Fabulous Hubcaps Dance
- April 27th – Be Fit McLean Outdoor Expo held at the OFTC
- April 28th – Sunday Soiree April in Paradise with over 50 dancers
- May 18th – McLean Day overcast, cool temps high 60's, slight rain. Attendance 10,670.

Teen Center:

- May 16th – Open House for Rising 7th Graders and New Residents of McLean at the OFTC.

Youth Events:

- May 10th – 5th & 6th Graders Party Cinco De Mayo in the MCC Community Hall.

Other:

- May 3rd – Delegate Barbara Comstock hosted a community forum on the topic of Human Trafficking with Congressman Frank Wolf and Local Leaders. There were about 100 attending in our Community Hall.
- May 13 – Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence Community Forum used the Alden Theatre to facilitate a panel presentation and discussion on the issue of Gun Violence. There were about 125 in attendance.
- May 15th – McLean Senior Source Opens at McLean Community Center with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The Senior Source opened for business on May 21st and is located in the lobby of the MCC. The free information resource is operated by volunteers and operates from 10am to 2pm Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's.
- Team Fairfax Insider news publication gave a full page acknowledgment of the MCC as an agency of the county stating that MCC is a True Cornerstone of the Community. (copy in packet)
- McLean Connection May 15 issue – Front page Studio Rep with inside article.
- New starting the month of June MCC Staff News Letter.

[Information about MCC and its programs can be found at <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.]

ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Craig Richardson, Chair)

Mr. Richardson's report included the following items:

Candidates: Congratulated all candidates who ran for seats on the Board.

League of Women Voters: Did a good job at McLean Day, and the vote counting in the evening.

Recount: The League did a recount of the votes because of the narrow margin between fourth and fifth places – given the importance of the fourth place candidate who would be tapped for the Board in the event of a resignation of a sitting board member.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Jay Howell)

The Program Committee did not meet in May.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Sean A. Dunn, Chair)

In Mr. Dunn's absence, Ms. Bourgeois reported on the April 30 meeting of the Finance Committee where two issues were considered:

- How to pay for a new downtown building
- The cost of operating a new building

Committee and staff members met with representatives of the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget – Joe Mondoro, Deputy Director, and Joe LaHait, Debt Manager – regarding the option of issuing bonds to fund a new downtown building. The bond options reviewed included:

- General obligation bonds issued by Fairfax County, which are issued annually and require a referendum of tax district residents. The costs of issuing the bonds would be based on the tax district's credit rating.
- Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) bonds issued by the State, which are issued twice a year. The costs of issuing the bonds would be based on the State's credit rating, and would be shared among the agencies participating in the issuance. Mr. Mondoro and Mr. LaHait said that the VRA bond process is the most cost effective way for MCC to issue bonds.

The timeframe for the general obligation bond process would begin with the submission of a detailed capital improvement plan in MCC's budget proposal, which is submitted to the County in September, a referendum in November (if issuing a general obligation bond), and ending with a bond sale the following January.

If a VRA bond is issued, MCC would apply to the State to be a part of a Spring or a Fall bond issuance. While a public referendum is not required, MCC would be required to go through the public input process for major capital improvements.

Committee and staff members also discussed estimated operating costs for a new downtown facility. The building would house the teen center programs, and other programs similar to those produced at the Ingleside facility. Staff members will follow up to address issues raised by committee members regarding how the estimates were developed.

CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Chad Quinn, Chair)

Joint Project on Renovations: While the committee did not meet in May, Mr. Quinn reported that there was work on issues related to the Ingleside renovations. The Capital Facilities and Communications Committees will continue their joint project to develop talking points for use in providing the public with information on the renovations.

2232 Process: Mr. Sachs is continuing to work on the sequence of events for the county approval process for the Ingleside renovations, including the Section 2232 process of submitting a renovation proposal to the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

MCA Meeting: Mr. Quinn represented the Governing Board at a meeting of the Mclean Citizens Association regarding planned renovations to the Ingleside facility. MCA members gave positive feedback on the project. Supervisor Foust voiced his support of the renovation project.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Robin Walker)

Ms. Walker reported on the following items:

Community Partner News: the e-newsletter has a new look. The newsletter shares MCC news with community partners, and also highlights community partners.

Branding Plans: The process is underway to develop new marketing templates for the Alden Theatre, which are aimed at achieving a uniform look for the theatre's marketing materials. Templates are also being developed for MCC's other marketing materials.

Talking Points on Renovations: Draft talking points have been developed. Work by the Communications and Capital Facilities Committees will continue.

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE (Susan Bourgeois, Chair)

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the following items:

- Greg Lukmire has put together a plan that includes the teen center in a proposed downtown building.
- Mr. Richardson and Ms. Bourgeois are keeping in touch with Edgemoor, the real estate development company that is working on a downtown building proposal for MCC.

MCLEAN PROJECT FOR THE ARTS REPORT (Bill Dubose)

The following is an excerpt from MPA's June 2013 written report to the Governing Board:

Noteworthy News

- **Pop Art and Beyond - MPA is thrilled to partner with the Alden** and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to present a slide lecture on June 7th at 7:30 pm at the Alden on the work of Tom Wesselmann. VMFA Deputy Director Robin Nicholson will talk about this remarkable exhibition (VMFA is the only venue in the eastern US) and will also give a sneak peak preview of the upcoming exhibition "Hollywood Costumes." Free tickets are required for the lecture. If you have not already, reserve yours by emailing Ellen Face at eface@mpaart.org
- **MPA Spring Benefit** was held at Federal Home's historic Langley Ordinary on Thursday, May 16th. This year's co-chairs were Molly Newberry and Katharine Powell. **Attendance: 350**
- **McLean Day-** MPA once again had a great day at McLean Day. The "graffiti" mural was a busy place as kids and parents stopped by to paint. We talked with lots of folks about MPA's classes and exhibition programs and we signed up a few new memberships.

Exhibitions: June 13th – August 3rd

- **The Hidden Life of Bees and Plants-** On April 27th from 11am - 12:30 pm in the Emerson Gallery Sam Droege, a scientist from the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, presented the story of how native bees are deeply entwined with our lives. Artist Nils Henrik Sundqvist was also present and answered questions from the audience. Attendance: 50
 - **Emerson and Atrium Galleries: *Strictly Painting 9***, This biennial juried exhibition presents the work of artists exploring the medium of painting who reside in the Mid-Atlantic region. **Ramp Gallery** will be closed for bathroom renovations.
 - **Opening Reception:** Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 pm

Education – Spring Programming 2013

Class Start Dates 3/1/13-present

- **Adult Classes:**
 - 12 classes offered; 4 cancelled; 59 students enrolled
- **Open Studio:**
 - 3 open studio series offered; 26 adults registered (plus additional drop-ins)
- **Youth & Teen Classes:**
 - 24 offered; 6 cancelled; 120 students enrolled

MPA ArtReach

- **April 19 – June 16 Statistics: Total Participants: 381 (337 students, 44 adults)**

[More information about MPA is available at <http://www.mpaart.org/>]

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dent recognized outgoing Board Members, Ms. Walker, Mr. Armstrong, and Ms. Nimmagadda. He shared highlights of their service on the Board and awarded them the traditional Jefferson Cups, which are presented to Board Members whose terms are ending. Mr. Dent also awarded a Jefferson Cup to Mr. Howell whose term ended, but who was re-elected to a new term.

Mr. Quinn recognized Mr. Dent whose term ended. He presented Mr. Dent a Jefferson Cup and a plaque honoring his service as Chair of the MCC Governing Board. Mr. Quinn and other Board Members shared their thoughts and appreciation of Mr. Dent for his service on the Governing Board, particularly as Board Chair.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, Mr. Dent adjourned the Governing Board meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig E. Richardson, Secretary
2012-2013 Governing Board