

**McLean Community Center
Governing Board Meeting
January 23, 2013**

Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Sean Dunn and Laurelie Wallace

Staff Members Present: George Sachs, Executive Director; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; and Ellen Barial, Executive Assistant

Guests Signed In: Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff, Office of Supervisor John W. Foust
Bill DuBose, Board Chair, McLean Project for the Arts
Bill Sudow, Board Member, McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC)
Ann Seaman, Member, McLean Planning Committee (MPC)
Rose McCauley
Anne Gruner
Hope Andruss, Citizen
Patrick Smaldore, McLean Citizens Association (MCA)
Jim Turner, MCA and MPC
Joel Stillman, McLean Youth Athletics
Bill Denk, El Nido Civic Association
Jennifer Levy, McLean Community Players
Paul Kohlerberger, McLean Historical Society
Brian Trompeter, Sun Gazette
Alex McVeigh, Connection Newspapers

Mr. Dent convened the meeting of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) at 7:32 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

The Governing Board adopted the meeting Agenda unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

McLean Project for the Arts

Bill DuBose shared highlights from the January MPA Report to the MCC Governing Board. Excerpts from the report begin on page 5.

Jane Edmondson

As part of the discussion and motion on pages 5-6, Ms. Edmondson said that construction of a gym at the Spring Hill Rec Center was included in the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) bond issues approved by county residents in the November elections. The gym is on schedule to be completed within the next 18 months.

Introductions

Other guests introduced themselves and indicated the organizations they represented (if any). Mr. Dent welcomed all guests.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012 MEETING

The Governing Board approved minutes of its December 12, 2012 meeting unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Kevin Dent)

Mr. Dent reported that the next item the Executive Committee would undertake is the Executive Director's annual evaluation, within the next month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (George Sachs)

Mr. Sachs gave a brief update to the Board on MCC activities during December 2012. His written report is below:

Special Events:

- Holiday Craft Show was Nov. 30 and December 1-2 with an estimated attendance of 2,903.
- Plans finalized for the Annual Jewelry Show on February 2.

Family/Youth Events:

- Holiday Gingerbread House decorating on December 6 with an attendance of over 120 people representing 40 families working together to decorate their Gingerbread Houses
- Breakfast with Santa a sellout on December 15 was with 101 served entertained by Joy of Dance Frosty Follies, crafts, and of course pictures with the guest of honor Santa

Teen Center:

- There were two featured Friday night activities: Toys for Tots Dance; admission prices was an unwrapped toy for the cause; and the Winter Formal Attire Dance.
- Community Service volunteers went to Jill's House, Ronald McDonald House, and SHARE McLean.

Adult Trips:

- Holiday House Tour on December 8 to St. Michaels, Maryland had a full buss of 47 people who attended the tour.

Alden Theatre:

- Live at the Alden on December 15 was a great musical performance without instruments by "Ball In The House."

- McLean Kids Theatreworks USA production of “Skippujon Jones” on December 8 was a delightful musical that encourages kids to follow their dreams.
- Morning Movies on December 19 showed the classic comedy that has it all “Some Like It Hot.”
- There was a young soloist concert on December 9.
- Community Arts had the McLean Symphony on December 16.

Facility Rentals:

- December there was 107 rental requests of which 60 were local and 47 non-local with an attendance of 1,732. (Note that the entire Community Hall was not available the last two weeks of December due to work related to the replacement of the room dividers.)

Other:

- Senior Help Desk is having their first volunteer meeting on February 1. Under the guidance and support of the Supervisors office, they are trying to establish an information help desk primarily to assist Senior’s with information about services and resources that may be helpful. I have offered them space at our table in the lobby of the community center while they try to launch into this service. I will keep you informed as they continue to organize the effort.
- I want to share a comment about the Silent Screen Films Series. On January 9, we showed a film featuring W.C. Fields & Will Rogers and a 96-year-old man in the audience remembered seeing these films when he was a kid. It was a special treat for him that we had W.C. Field’s granddaughter there to talk about her grandfather.
- I have another letter to share from the OFTC. Matteo’s mom complimented the staff there and said that he really loves coming to the teen center after school and always has a good time. She said the staff is so positive here and she thinks that definitely transfers to the kids. His mom said it is a safe and fun environment! She said the kids are always having a good time when she walks in to pick him up and the staff is very involved. His mom ended it by saying that she wanted to let us know from a very appreciative family, what a wonderful job we do.

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

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE (Susan Bourgeois, Chair)

CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Chad Quinn, Chair)

The Governing Board was poised to take action on reports from two committees: the *Downtown Committee Report to the Governing Board dated 12 December 2012*, and the *Capital Facilities Committee Summary Report on Ingleside Renovations*.

Mr. Dent reported that Supervisor John Foust asked the MCC Governing Board to defer action on the two reports until the next Governing Board meeting, scheduled for February 27. Bill Sudow, a board member of the McLean Revitalization Corporation (and MRC’s representative on the MCC Governing Board Downtown Committee), advised the Board that a developer would present a proposal to MCC in the interim that could affect the Governing Board’s decisions on the two reports.

After discussion of issues surrounding the reports, the Governing Board agreed to defer action as requested by Supervisor Foust, and adopted the following motion unanimously:

MOTION: to defer action on the *Downtown Committee Report to the Governing Board dated 12 December 2012* and the *Capital Facilities Committee Summary Report of the Ingleside Renovations* until the February 27, 2013 Governing Board meeting.

ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Craig Richardson, Chair)

Mr. Richardson issued a “call for candidates” to officially open the 2013 Governing Board elections. Three adult seats and two youth seats on the Governing Board will be on the ballots.

Mr. Richardson asked any current board members whose terms are not expiring in May to let him know if they intend to resign prior to the May elections. This would permit official notices, election materials, and advertising to include the correct number of available seats.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Jay Howell, Chair)

Mr. Howell reported on the January 9, 2013 Program Committee meeting.

OFTC Age Waiver

A resident who is the parent of a son with special needs asked for a waiver that would permit his son to remain a member of the Old Firehouse Teen Center after ninth grade when membership eligibility ends. The waiver request was for an additional school year. Committee members asked staff to prepare a proposed policy regarding case-by-case waivers to present to the Program Committee for consideration at either its February or March meeting.

Fourth of July Fireworks Beginning in 2014

Staff reported on identifying a new location for MCC’s annual fireworks display, after holding the event at Langley High School for last time in 2013. Lewinsville Park is the only viable option for a new location. At this time, FCPA has not given permission for MCC to use Lewinsville Park for the fireworks display. Mr. Sachs will pursue the matter with FCPA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Sean A. Dunn, Chair)

There was no Finance Committee report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Robin Walker, Chair)

Ms. Walker reported on the January 9, 2013 Communications Committee meeting.

Community Partners News

The Community Partner News, an e-newsletter sent to the community stakeholders identified by committee and staff members, provides news about MCC activities as well as news about the stakeholders with whom MCC liaises.

YouTube Videos

A video vendor is under contract to produce videos of MCC events. Excerpts from the videos are posted on Fairfax County's YouTube site. (At this time, MCC is not permitted to have its own YouTube site under county policy.)

MCC Blog

Launch of a general blog for MCC has been put on hold pending staffing in the Public Information Office.

Friends of the McLean Community Center Webpage

Staff members are developing a Webpage for the Friends of the McLean Community Center on the MCC Website. Its purpose is to share information about Friends' history and activities at MCC, and to attract new members. The new Webpage will be available through a link on MCC's homepage.

MCLEAN PROJECT FOR THE ARTS REPORT (Bill DuBose, MPA Board Chair)

The following is an excerpt from MPA's written report:

Noteworthy News

- Extended MPA Operating Hours for *An Evening with Dick Gregory*: On January 19, MPA extended its operating hours so attendees of "An Evening with Dick Gregory" in the Alden Theatre could also come in the Emerson Gallery to enjoy our current exhibition, *Small Stories*.
- Extended MPA Operating Hours for *The Capital Steps*: MPA extended its operating hours January 15 so attendees of "The Capital Steps" in the Alden Theatre could also come in the Emerson Gallery to enjoy our current exhibition, *Small Stories*.
- MPA ArtReach Tours Are Back! MPA ArtReach will be hosting school tours of our January/February exhibition *Small Stories*, an engaging exhibition of narrative works by artists who create small-scale works packed with imaginary stories and events. MPA's curriculum is focusing on developing various modes of writing, including narrative and descriptive writing that compliments Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs). Even though school tours only started yesterday (the first tour was on January 22), MPA has hosted more than 350 students from 12 Glen Forest Elementary School classes! This is sure to be a busy and exciting year for our ArtReach program!
- Dale Chihuly Talk: On January 22nd Courtney Morano, Chihuly Exhibition Educator for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, presented a free art talk in the Emerson Gallery about the Dale Chihuly exhibition currently on view at the VMFA. Attendance: 85 people)
- NDWC Art Appetizers: On January 24 from 7 – 9 pm the New Dominion Women's Club will host its 6th Annual Arts Night Out in the Emerson Gallery. (Anticipated Attendance: 65 people)
- MCC/MPA Annual Joint Board Meeting: On February 27, 6:30 pm social time and 7 pm meeting, MPA and the MCC will have its annual joint board meeting in the Emerson Gallery.

Education – Winter Programming 2013 (as of 1/17/13)

- Adult Classes:
 - 14 classes offered; 2 cancelled; 7 underway with 41 students enrolled; 5 to begin later
- Open Studio:
 - 6 open studio series offered; 3 underway with 30 adults enrolled in the series plus additional drop-ins; 3 series to begin later
- Youth & Teen Classes:
 - 34 offered; 1 cancelled; 14 underway with 84 children enrolled; 19 classes still to begin
- Family art workshops:
 - 2 scheduled; the first (Feb. 9) workshop is full with 14 families
- MPA ArtReach
 - TOTAL MPA ArtReach Participants Oct 1 – Dec 10, 2012: 163

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Dent adjourned the meeting of Governing Board at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig E. Richardson
Secretary