

**McLean Community Center
Governing Board Meeting
December 12, 2012**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Kevin Dent, Chair; Chad Quinn, Vice Chair; Sean Dunn, Treasurer; Craig Richardson, Secretary; Susan Bourgeois; Jay Howell; Robin Walker; and Laurelie Wallace

Board Members Absent: Drew Armstrong; Malika Nimmagadda; and Risa Sanders

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

Guests: Ben Wiles, Office of Supervisor John Foust
McLean Project for the Arts (MPA): Bill DuBose, Board Chair;
Ellen Rosenblum, Board Member; and Nancy Perry, Executive Director
Gregory Lukmire, President, The Lukmire Partnership
SWSG: Ray Schaffer, Principal and Structural Engineer; Gary Luzadder, RA,
Director of Architecture; Debbie Robison, Project Manager; and
Zeena Al Nasser, Architect
Bill Denk, El Nido Civic Association
Alex McVeigh, Connection Newspapers

Mr. Dent convened the meeting of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) at 7:34 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

The Governing Board adopted the meeting Agenda unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Guests introduced themselves. Nancy Perry reviewed highlights from MPA's December report to the Governing Board. An excerpt from the written report is shown on page 5.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 MEETING

The Governing Board approved minutes of its October 24, 2012 meeting unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Kevin Dent)

OFTC License Agreement: Mr. Dent acknowledged the assistance of Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff for Supervisor John Foust, in working with MCC and the Office of County Attorney to finalize work on renewal of the OFTC License Agreement between MCC and the Board of Supervisors.

Executive Director's Review: The Executive Committee will perform the review in early 2013.

Safety Coalition Meeting at OFTC: The Safety Coalition meeting focused on teen depression. One teen shared his experience with depression and gave insights to the 150 people in attendance including schoolteachers and others who work with youths.

Introduction to Downtown and Capital Facilities Presentations: Mr. Dent gave background on the two presentations included on the meeting agenda: the Downtown Committee's concepts study on expanding in downtown and the Capital Facilities Committee's feasibility study on renovating the Ingleside facility. The background included:

- MCC's capital fund grew primarily due to increases in property values in the tax district.
- The Governing Board over the years permitted the fund balance to continue growing to fund an expansion in downtown McLean (in addition to other capital projects to maintain MCC facilities).
- When the fund continued to grow without a concrete plan for downtown, the Board began reducing tax rates in order to decrease the fund balance until decisions were made about a potential expansion into downtown McLean.
- Two Board Committees have concluded studies on possible uses of the fund balance:

The Downtown Committee has been working with architect Gregory Lukmire to look at how much space would be required and possible configurations in order to include the Board's defined uses for a downtown facility. The results of Mr. Lukmire's study would be presented during the Downtown Committee's report.

The Capital Facilities Committee has been looking at the feasibility of renovating and expanding MCC's Ingleside facility. SWSG was hired to do a feasibility study. The results of the study would be presented during the Capital Facilities Committee report.

After having an opportunity to study the two presentations, the Governing Board was scheduled to take action on the potential projects at its January 2013 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (George Sachs)

Mr. Sachs gave a brief update to the Board on MCC activities during October- November 2012. Highlights of his written report included:

Special Events:

- Sunday Dance Soiree's were held on October 28 and November 18.
- Annual Antique Show was November 10 & 11 with a total attendance of 912.
- Holiday Craft Show was November 30 through December 2 with an attendance of 2,903

Family/Youth Events:

- October 18 was Haunted Gingerbread House Decorating workshop with 125 family members participating.
- October 26 was the Monster Mash 5 & 6 Grade dance another sell out with 262.

- November 3 was the Children’s Flea Market and we had 27 sellers with a crowd of 383 lookers and buyers. The unsold items were donated to American Vets organization.

Teen Center:

- Took a group of kids on our annual trip to Kings Dominion for the Halloween Haunt Event
- October 26 was the Halloween Dance and costume contest.
- In November, members of the OFTC made over 100 scarves and hats in a three-day effort for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.
- There were two regular Friday night dances, a glow party, and a Karaoke night the month of November.
- The teen center art club and the teen council partnered their efforts to build a float and participate in the Annual WinterFest Parade.

Adult Trips:

On October 14 & 15, there were 27 participants in an overnight trip to Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater in Western Pennsylvania.

Alden Theatre:

- Professional series Hot Club SanFrancisco returned to the Alden with some incredible music.
- McLean Kids production of Golden Rod Puppets “Migration” and ArtsPower’s Production of “Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great.”
- Silent Film Series on November 14 Silent Stocking Stuffers featuring three classic films
- Insider Knowledge on November 3 we had Jazz Masters with John Eaton performing “The Wit and Wisdom of Cole Porter”
- New Classics Morning Movies on November 7 featured “North by Northwest”
- Community Arts Groups – MCP performance of “What I Did Last Summer” ran October 26 to November 4. McLean Symphony concert was held on October 20.
- Music Education – On November 27 & 28, our Studio Rep performed a show on bullying to 5th & 6th grades. Teacher’s email:

I am a teacher at Spring Hill Elem. School. Today, my students were honored to attend your performance of Sticks and Stones. Tears poured down my cheeks as I listened to your message. As a bullied child, I related to many of the issues that were discussed. I became an educator so I could prevent the same issues from happening to another child. I wanted to let you know that your performance touched me. I am so happy that children are able to see your performance and learn from its message. Do you sell videos of your performance? I think this would be a wonderful aid for schools to use. Again, I want to thank you for allowing my students the opportunity to learn from your program.

Facility Rentals:

November: there were 59 rentals with an overall attendance of 2,295.

Other:

On October 29 & 30, Hurricane Sandy brushed by our area and closed county government and schools on both days. I informed the Supervisor's office that the MCC had maintained power and the supervisor asked us to open as a comfort station to assist the citizens in our area without power. Notice went out immediately in all ways possible. We had eight people come to the center to charge their devices and use the Wi-Fi.

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

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE (Susan Bourgeois, Chair)

Ms. Bourgeois referred to the Downtown Committee Report to the Governing Board included in Board meeting materials. The Report gave an overview of the Committee's work; the proposed programming for a new downtown facility; anticipated space needs; location findings; and the next steps for the Committee. (A copy of the report is attached and is available on the MCC Website.)

Ms. Bourgeois introduced Gregory Lukmire who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the design study undertaken at the request of the Governing Board. Mr. Lukmire discussed the study with Board Members and responded to questions. (Excerpts from the presentation are posted on the MCC Website through a link on the home page.)

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Bourgeois said that Board Members would have an opportunity to study the materials provided by Mr. Lukmire at the meeting, and would consider the matter at the January 2013 Governing Board meeting.

CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Chad Quinn, Chair)

Mr. Quinn reviewed the Capital Facilities Committee Summary Report on Ingleside Renovations, which was included in Board meeting materials. The Report included the background of the proposed project to renovate MCC's Ingleside facility, in addition to a sequence of events during FY 13, and a "Call to Action." (A copy of the report is attached and is available on the MCC Website.)

Mr. Quinn introduced the SWSG representatives (listed above), who presented detailed information regarding two options for renovating the Ingleside facility. One option included an addition to the building. (Excerpts from the presentation are posted on the MCC Website, through a link on the homepage.)

At the conclusion of the SWSG presentation and discussions, Mr. Quinn said that Board Members would have an opportunity to study the materials presented by SWSG at the meeting and would be asked to take action on the feasibility study at the January 2013 Governing Board meeting.

ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Craig Richardson, Chair)

The Elections & Nominations Committee did not meet in December but will meet in January 2013.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Jay Howell, Chair)

The Program Committee did not meet in December but will meet in January 2013 to review staff update on locations for the MCC fireworks display after 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Sean A. Dunn, Chair)

Mr. Dunn reported on a memorandum from Susan Datta, Fairfax County's Chief Financial Officer and Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), sent to MCC regarding the County's "Exploration of Issues Associated with Charging Indirect Costs to Funds." The OMB submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors on ways of capturing indirect costs from agencies with sources of revenue other than the County's general fund.

The base amount for the assessment was set at 11% of personnel costs in the agencies' FY 2013 Approved Budget Plan. For MCC the assessment would be \$300,000. Board Members discussed a number of factors regarding the assessment and pointed out that, among other things, there was no information in the memorandum regarding the methodology associated with the calculations.

Board members strongly objected to the plan, and to that end adopted the following motion unanimously:

MOTION: that the Governing Board:

- Strongly opposes the imposition of a "Charge of Indirect Costs;"
- The Governing Board views this as a Tax;
- The McLean Community Center is self-funded by its residents; and
- The proposal is not appropriate for our Agency.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Robin Walker, Chair)

The Communications Committee did not meet in December but will meet in January 2013.

MCLEAN PROJECT FOR THE ARTS REPORT (Nancy Perry, MPA)

Noteworthy News

- The **6th annual MPAartfest** was held on October 14 and attended by more than 6,000. It featured 50 artists, performing artists, food, and even included wine! New to the event was the community art project where more than 1,500 participants of all ages and backgrounds made their marks by creating their very own designs on paper leaves. The leaves were then arranged on a 3-panel canvas collage. The project was exhibited in the Atrium Gallery from November 12-16 and has now found a permanent home in the office of Supervisor John Foust where all are invited to come and see it!
- On December 2, MPA marched in the annual **McLean Winterfest Parade**.
- Nancy Perry was appointed the **Visual Arts representative on the Arts Council of Fairfax County Master Arts Plan Task Force**.
- Nancy Perry attended **the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Statewide Partner Exchange** in Richmond on November 15. MPA was one of VMFA's first partners in northern Virginia.

Exhibitions: November 29 – January 5

- **Emerson Gallery:** *Edges and Grids* - An exhibition curated around multi-media works that incorporate the edge or utilize the grid as an underlying structure or conceptual framework.
- **Atrium Gallery:** *Ellyn Wiess: New Work* -Slightly nostalgic abstract paintings made from tar and asphalt that release a sense of the mysterious and unknown by this Maryland artist.
- **Ramp Gallery:** *Photographs by Ron Paras* - McLean artist Paras creates large-scale photographs that use landscape and/or antiquity as a framework for introducing an enigmatic and compelling narrative.

Classes for Adults, Children, & Open Studio Sessions: Fall 2012 (as of 12/11):

- Classes for Children & Teens – 43 offered; 13 cancelled – 179 students enrolled
- Adult Classes – 15 offered; 3 cancelled – 79 students enrolled
- Open Studio – 3 series offered – 30 adults registered for series (plus additional drop-ins)

[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 10:15 p.m.