



**2020-2021 MCC Governing Board
Regular Meeting**

February 24, 2021 *virtual

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MINUTES

- Board Members present:** Raj Mehra; Terri Markwart; Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Suzanne Le Menestrel; Melanie Sletten; Ivy Chen; Tyler Jensen; Barbara Zamora-Appel; Bill Glikbarg; Carla Post; Carole Herrick
- MCC Staff present:** George Sachs, Executive Director; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; Mike Fisher; Holly Novak; Catherine Nesbitt; Sarah Schallern Treff, Jennifer Garrett
- Guests:** Andrew Braniff (Troop 128 leader); Matthew Miner (Troop 128); Galen CK (Troop 128); Garek CK (Troop 128); Nickolas Guertin (Troop 128 leader); Rieco Guertin (Troop 128); Seema (Troop 128 leader); Camila Alfonzo Meza (Supervisor Foust's office); Paul Kohlenberger; Will H.; Esther Ramchaud; Ishucer; Arianne Ahmeida; Sophia Roberts

CONVENE MEETING

The following Motion by Chair Le Menestrel was spoken aloud to duly convene this meeting electronically:

Motion for Electronic Meeting

On 14 April 2020, the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County issued an emergency ordinance pursuant to VA Code Section 15.2-1413. The ordinance permits county boards, including this board, to conduct fully remote meetings in order to continue the organization's essential services, so long as the following conditions are met:

- (1) adequate notice is provided to the public and county;
- (2) the public is given a means to access the remote meeting; and
- (3) the purpose for the meeting is given in that notice, and that purpose serves to continue our essential services.

I believe those requirements have been satisfied. I therefore move that this board approve that the proposed agenda items are necessary to assure continuity of MCC's services, and that we are unable to meet in person per usual procedures due to the continuing state of emergency.

This meeting of the Governing Board of McLean Community Center was thus convened on February 24, 2021 at 7:31 p.m. using ZOOM meeting technology, which enabled Board members, MCC staff, and the public to participate virtually.

ADOPT AGENDA No changes were requested to the proposed Agenda. The Agenda was adopted by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT *remarks are shown verbatim, as stated aloud by each individual

Members of Scout Troop 128 in McLean attended. *Comments by Chair Le Menestrel:* Welcome! The people on the MCC Governing Board were all elected to this role and you too can be elected if you are between the ages of 15 to 17. I invite the Scouts to state briefly any comments you would like to share with the Board about program offerings that you would like to see MCC provide. Please introduce yourself and say what grade you are in. We would love to hear from you.

Andrew Braniff – Scoutmaster (also father of a son in Troop 128 – St. Johns Episcopal Church in McLean):

These Scouts are working on their Citizenship and Community merit badge. As part of that, they are asked to attend a local community govt. meeting in order to see how community government works and how other people interact. This particular meeting is perfect for us because it is the McLean Community Center! But also, because, in a time like this where interaction is so difficult because of COVID-19 and so many of the things we rely on are being shut down - our community becomes even more important. Institutions like MCC can really fill gaps. If any of the individual Scouts have particular ideas or thoughts they would like to share, please do so. And we thank the McLean Community Center for having us here.

Comment by Chair Le Menestrel: Of course! We love community input. Don't be afraid. If any of you have some ideas later during this meeting, you can post them in the chat.

Question from Vice-Chair Post: I'm curious if there are any programs at MCC that we don't currently provide that you would be interested in seeing MCC provide? Anything - the sky's the limit!

Comment from Scout Leader Seema: Offer Scout merit badges. Have camping nights (lock-down) at MCC – that would be fun. Or camp-outs in McLean Central Park (“Scout Troop 128 Camp-out” similar to ArtFest).

Individual Scout comment: Have a Scout outing for all sorts of troops (a big “McLean camp-out” in a certain spot) – Jamboree.

Comment from Chair Le Menestrel: Cool! That's a great idea.

Clarification by Sarah Schallern Treff: The Alden Theatre does offer workshops toward the completion of Scout Performing Arts badge – for people who are interested in that.

ACTION ITEM: *Comment from Scout Leader Seema:* If MCC has any service projects for the Eagle Scouts (such as stream bridge repair) or for Scouts (such as a small service project for clean-up around MCC area), please let us know. Please reach out to Scout Troop 128 and we would love to help.

Comment from Vice-Chair Post: That's a great idea for setting up the pollinator garden.

Clarification by Mr. Sachs: MCC receives many requests for Eagle Scout projects – all the time.

Comment by Chair Le Menestrel: We may take you up on that – thank you! The Board uses *Robert's Rules of Order* as a way to organize meetings - to keep order during meetings and allow fair debate. This is why you may notice some formalities.

Paul Kohlenberger: Good evening. I am attending tonight as a citizen and am here to ask the Board to consider taking action on a matter of some importance to MCC and the community at-large. Background: In April 2018, I was appointed by Supervisor Foust to represent Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce on the McLean CBC Task Force. As an MCC long-standing and valued Board member, over the past three years, I've taken a really keen interest in matters that might affect MCC's interests. Right now, the final DRAFT Comprehensive Plan language is being 'tweaked' ahead of a Planning Commission public hearing in the Spring. So, this is a really opportune moment for MCC to voice its opinion on matters affecting its interests. There are two such issues that I have identified and tried to work on the MCC's behalf over the past several years:

1. Area-wide and site-specific language that serves to add some protection to the OFC as a historic and cultural resource (from a planning perspective). In the present DRAFT – based on a Task Force vote that I lost (7 to 5) actually has removed some decades-old language that enshrined OFC as a community asset. Thankfully, there is a staff recommendation to retain the legacy language. So, the first request is:

ACTION ITEM: To ask that the MCC Governing Board consider voicing your support for the staff recommendation to retain that language that the Adopted Plan has that protects The Old Firehouse.

2. The other issue relates to pedestrian access to our civic and cultural center (MCC, Dolley Madison Library and McLean Central Park). When the CBC Task Force did the workshops back in 2018, there was quite a lot of public support for better connecting the center of town with the resources that we have on the other side of Route 123: Dolley Madison Library, MCC, and MCP. One way to accomplish that is a grade-separated crossing. Greater McLean Chamber successfully added language to allow that to be considered. And mind you – “...allow to be considered”... not “implemented”... or “decided upon”... or “funded.” Just to *allow it to be considered* in the future. There are a lot of particulars that may make implementing such a connection bad policy. But, I hope that you all think that having language in there that supports consideration of such a connection (to facilitate better pedestrian access from either side of Dolley Madison), would be a good thing. So, specifically, I'm just asking that:

ACTION ITEM: If these issues resonate, that the MCC Governing Board consider authorizing the Executive Committee to consider drafting a letter to the Planning Commission and the Dranesville Supervisor's office and Planning staff.



Mr. Kohlenberger concluded by offering to answer any questions. Realizing there are many matters of Board business tonight, he is happy to leave it there. If the Board decides, you can reach out to get more background or counsel, and I will be of any help that I can. *Chair Le Menestrel asked Mr. Kohlenberger to send a DRAFT letter to Mr. Sachs to forward to the Board.*

Protecting the historical distinction of The Old Firehouse:

Question: When you say “protect the Old Firehouse...” what exactly is proposed and what is the Greater McLean Chamber trying to do? What we are trying to do is maintain the exact language that’s actually in the Adopted Plan. The current plan says:

“The Old Firehouse has been adaptively reused and should be maintained as a historic structure. The area around it is planned for public gathering space. All development should respect the historic integrity of the resource.”

That wording has been excised. It doesn’t mean that OFC is no longer on Register of Historic Sites. It doesn’t mean that it’s “naked” (so-to-speak). **But having that site-specific language about that parcel is another burden that would have to be overcome were anything to be proposed that would remove OFC as a historic resource. I think we all agree that it’s a great [historic landmark]. I hope we all support it as MCC’s downtown facility!**

Question: What is the risk of removing that language?

The risk is: were anything to threaten that (for instance, if Fairfax County wanted to dispose of the asset) it would be easier to do it without the language being there than it would be with the language. Again, everything is sort of better protected being on the Historic Inventory (which we put it on about 8 years ago). But it is even more protective if you have this sort of specific language that demonstrates and communicates the community’s will about how we would like to have that asset dealt with. It sort of separates it from just being an old house that doesn’t have the sort of civic and cultural significance as OFC does, as well as the public use that we have from it.

Question: Thank you. And what is the timeline for this? By when would you need that letter?

The Planning Commission meeting is on April 28. The staff report from County staff which will have all the final proposed language is only two weeks ahead of that. So, right now, the Planning staff is looking at some different changes. I’m not throwing this at you – that you have to do something at this meeting, per se. But any time now, through March 24 (the next Board meeting), would be appropriate, ideally; or within a few weeks thereafter. BoS will have a hearing on May 18 and they will typically have a decision/vote on it thereafter. I’m sorry to be unclear, but these things can shift. That’s what we’re looking at – ideally having some sort of consensus over the next month.

Question: So, for any questions that we have as a Board, you would be the contact person?

Clarification by Mr. Kohlenberger: I’m happy to confer with you individually, or through George Sachs (he can connect us). As Chair Le Menestrel asked, I will send the DRAFT quick one-pager that I am suggesting. And I’m happy to answer any questions over the next few weeks or months.

Question: Why was the language excised in the first place? And do you think it will also help if MCA were to put a resolution together?

Mr. Kohlenberger commented that he is hoping to have it included in the MPA resolution: As many people as possible – Yes! I’m starting here (at MCC) – if you guys don’t support me, I don’t know where I’ll go! MCA is considering it; also, some neighborhood HOA’s that are looking heavily at the CBC Downtown McLean plan (it has been a concern of theirs). I won’t call-out peoples’ motives; but there is concern among some that it [OFC] is in a very prominent location, obviously, and that it somehow precludes re-development of that site. But to the CBC Task Force, that has been proven to be false because a development application came through to re-develop that parcel in 2017. The OFC parcel is ½ acre out of 230 acres; it can’t be ‘an impediment to revitalization...’

Pedestrian bridge access over Route 123:

Clarification by Mr. Sachs: One other addition regarding the ‘age-old’ interest in a pedestrian bridge over Dolley Madison Blvd. That is another area of support that I would certainly think the MCC would get behind - as well as MPA, Dolley Library and Fairfax County Park Authority. Does that come into play in the sense of having a connection of all of us on this side of Route 123 – trying to weigh-in on the proposal and making the point that it’s a good thing to pursue?

Comment by Mr. Kohlenberger: Are you asking if there is a role to play for MCC to voice support? I think it certainly wouldn’t be proper to go into a number of other issues for MCC; but yes, I think there is certainly a role to play. Because people called-out the McLean Community Center specifically. It’s not just a McLean Central Park issue – we have a great



‘combined asset’ there (though not jurisdictionally). So, those are the two issues that are important. The pedestrian bridge is not quite as critical (because the language is in the Plan); but it would not hurt to voice your support for considering that. Again, to be clear: the OFC (Planning staff is recommending retaining that); but that is more of a ‘political football’ (if I can be blunt). I can’t say how the Commissioner will weigh the Planning staff recommendation vs. the Task Force recommendation. But I think it’s important for them to hear from other people who might have an interest in it.

Question: Is the McLean Citizens for Rightsize Development supporting this? Have you talked to them about it?

It’s not one of their major issues; it’s a change in the language that they called out in their July letter. But I don’t think it’s an issue that they are championing actively, to my knowledge.

ACTION ITEM: *Summary by Chair Le Menestrel:* Thank you very much for bringing this to our attention. We will definitely take a look at it and if there is consensus on the Board to draft a letter... I’m hearing that there is some interest, but we will want to take a look at the language and definitely review this next month at our March meeting.

Opinion expressed by Ms. Herrick: McLean Historical Society, Fairfax Co. Historical society and the Fairfax County History Commission all want to retain the language; they are supportive.

APPROVE MINUTES: JANUARY 27, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting were reviewed. No changes were requested; accepted as written.

MOTION: To approve Minutes of the January 27, 2021, Governing Board meeting (which was convened virtually on ZOOM). **Unanimously approved.**

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Purposes: 1. To offer substantive learning points relevant to collaborative decision-making; 2. For board members to gain a broader understanding and personal growth and development through their service on MCC Governing Board; 3. Facilitating direct connection with the community by hearing from various stakeholder groups; 4. opportunity for timely updates about current things happening in McLean. Cece Williamson and Patsy Freedenburg from McLean Newcomers were invited to speak; however, they did not attend this meeting (as of 7:53 p.m.). Hopefully, Rob Jackson (president of MCA) will speak at our March meeting and Amy Swaak (president of McLean Community Foundation – MCF) will speak on April 28. Perhaps Cece Williamson and Patsy Freedenburg will be able to join us at another time in the future.

CHAIR’S REPORT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

***Executive Director search process:** The Executive Committee, has been very busy conducting a first round of interviews. Chair Le Menestrel thanked Carla Post, Maria Foderaro-Guertin, Barbara Zamora-Appel and George Sachs for their time, thoughtfulness and energy in the interview process. First round to select the finalists concludes soon, followed by a second round of interviews with finalists. Finalists will meet separately with MCC senior staff and with the full board in closed private sessions. Full Board interviews will be scheduled possibly on; Tuesday, March 2 – after 5:00 p.m.... *OR...* Saturday, March 6 – before 5:00 p.m. (10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the day; potentially more than one interview)... *OR...* Tuesday, March 9 – after 5:00 p.m. Each interview will be 1-hour long. If board members want to participate in the second round of interviews, Fairfax County HR rules require: 1. you must commit to participating in all of them (or else your feedback won’t be counted); 2. you will receive a binder of candidate information (application; resume) and hardcopy scoring sheets (which must be completed in confidence); 3. you must sign a Confidentiality Agreement (returned to Anne McAfee -MCC HR representative). Chair Le Menestrel is collecting interview questions for the second round of interviews – please submit preferred questions no later than Sunday, February 28. The plan is to have the new Executive Director on-board by end of March, to overlap with George Sachs for several weeks. Mr. Sachs will share the questions that were asked during the first round of interviews (for reference in constructing the Board’s preferred questions). He is in contact with Fairfax County HR on the actual procedure for the full board and MCC senior staff regarding the scoring being consistent.



This is an unusual circumstance in addressing the final two or three candidates to then go forward. We are required by Fairfax County to ask the exact same questions of every single candidate; in other words, questions that you would want to ask any candidate. Chair Le Menestrel will consolidate similar ideas and collapse down into a manageable set of questions – which will then need to be approved by Fairfax County HR. The Board is allowed to ask follow-up questions, but they must be directly relevant to the main question. There is the ability to ask follow-ups if you want clarity on something the candidate is saying, or you want them to expand on something. We are not doing any communication through e-mail; all materials regarding the candidates and the interview process is physical hardcopies. Speaking in general terms: this was a national search; and we have very exciting candidates!

***Governing Board election:** All board members are encouraged to share with their networks information about the MCC Governing Board election. Candidate packets are available for pick-up at the Welcome Desk through March 12. The electronic public interest card is available to forward to people or post on social media networks. We encourage everyone to do so. The sponsored ads for the MCC Governing Board election are appearing on Facebook! That promotion is working!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Internal Alignment: Fairfax County Health Dept. contacted MCC about possibly assisting Virginia Hospital Center to provide an alternate COVID-19 vaccine location. They inquired about square footage; configuration; use of interior space; parking spaces. We are very much interested in helping. They will get back to us if the need presents itself.

***OFC Manager position** interviews concluded; we are also trying to finish **Camp Director position** interviews. Final selection will be made as early as next week. Some candidates actually overlapped from one position from the other [in their qualifications]. So, we didn't want to select for the first position without interviewing everyone for the second position, to see if maybe someone we liked in the first interview would actually be more appropriate for the other position. Both positions will be awarded at the same time. We are trying to be strategic about the selection.

***Sanitizer stations** (hands-free) are located throughout OFC and MCC.

***Landscape vendor contract** was awarded: K & H Gardens Landscaping (just in time for Spring!)

***Governing Board Election:** We continue seeking and promoting community interest in running for the Governing Board. 5 adults have picked-up Candidate packets; 5 McLean H.S. students have been picked-up packets; no Langley H.S. students yet. Only 1 adult packet has been returned so far. We need to encourage interest especially among Langley H.S. youth.

Question: I'm concerned about the process with potential candidates. Would it make sense for Ms. Novak or Mr. Sachs to reach out to the people to ask if they intend to run and perhaps if they need any accommodation?

ENC Chair Terri Markwart has already been in contact with each person who has picked up a packet so far.

***OFC is doing a preview of the March 19 Virtual Dance:** this is a new way of doing something that we want to attempt (Saturday, February 27). The Board was informed as an opportunity for them and their families to participate in the pre-test (no public involvement in this pre-test). The invitation is intended as a preview: to work-out any bugs and gather opinions of participants and how it will play out as a virtual dance.

Question: Is this pre-test open to Scout Troop 128? It would be a way to target those closer to the age for this event!

Clarification by Mike Fisher: It's a two-fold goal: we are trying to invite people in to 'stress the system' so that we learn what happens with that many people online and how to manage it. We are also looking for feedback from the participants as to how it was on their end: how well they could see; how well they were able to hear the music.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Fisher will check with Andrew Carter as to whether including Scout Troop 128 is an option. If so, he will inform the Scout Troop and make sure to send them an invite. Mike will also inform the Board about the registration numbers TO-DATE for the pretest

Clarification by Mr. Sachs: We would like to have Scout Troop 128 participate in the actual event on March 19!

External Alignment: ***McLean Uncorked** (Sunday, Feb. 7) had 73 registered; 146 participants; 42 additional views since last Part 3 McLean Uncorked. It will be offered again in Fall 2021; we will definitely continue this program in the future.

Comment by Catherine Nesbitt: ***BeFit McLean** is up and running on our YouTube channel; it started January 23 and runs



through April 2 – offering information on health and well-being/care issues; preventative practices; learning how to manage mental health; physical health and wellness experts. Exhibitors: up-to-date COVID-19 information; how to manage stress; work/life balance; happiness; nutrition.

*Virtual Family Bingo – over 30 enrolled (fun family time with prizes!)

*MLK Celebration – continues “Our Beloved Community”: collecting personal stories from the community, with creative adaptation by 7 storytellers and 5 story adaptors. This program runs from February 5 through April 30.

*72 classes were held in January (both virtual and in-person) – total of 188 people in attendance.

*Interactive online performances: *Remarks from Sarah Schallern Treff*: Danielle Van Hook (Director of Youth Theater Programs) has been working with artists who have performed live in the past; but had not developed interactive online shows as a new genre. The second artist (Dr. Kaboom) was this past weekend; Sunday and Monday shows: 80 people participating, including a Kindergarten class. Participants got to do free science experiments (they were given advance notice about materials needed). **Dr. Kaboom is a comedian scientist; he led the audience in fun STEAM programs. He had never done it before; Danielle Van Hook helped him. Now he is ready to take it to other venues! This is great for the community and also great for an artist to have been able to figure out how to offer it in other places.** Another online performance will be offered in March – for little kids.

Comment from Chair Le Menestrel: Congratulations to Sarah Schallern Treff and Danielle Van Hook! Parents are thrilled to have those kinds of programs available.

Financial Stewardship: Forecast for FY21 year-end (June 30) projections show that MCC will lose about \$1.37M in revenue. In our expenses, MCC will be down about \$1,281,000 from our budgeted amount. The difference from our budget in only Program revenue is a loss of about \$257.00 total. Our Program differences of budget vs. what the end-of-year will be is about \$1M in our Expenses.

PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE **Chair Maria Foderaro-Guertin gave a summary.*

*MLK events – “Seeing White” podcast was very interesting: people from all over the nation participated. For the future, it has been recommended to make adjustments to timing and sequenced scheduling of podcast segments/discussion topics.

*OFC Learning Connection – OFC is looking at how to pivot with FCPS opening up, as kids go back to in-person learning.

*Summer Camps – MCC offers a huge variety! Because of last year (2020) with camp being cancelled, MCC had to reapply for licensing this year for summer camps. Andrew Carter has been navigating the complex specifics –the most difficult being trying to get the license approved in relation to when we must have hired staff already in place.

*Discussion about Earth Day and McLean Day: “McLean Days” – the original purpose of this event was to provide a venue for the Governing Board election. This year McLean Day will be a span of time beginning with Kick-off on March 17, a drive-thru Voting opportunity on Earth Day (April 17), and continuing to actual McLean Day (Saturday, May 15).

*Earth Day (Saturday, April 17): there will be opportunities for recycling; giving out tree saplings; bulk items hauled away; paper shredding. There is also an idea about reaching out to Brookfield school for an organic gardening program for kids.

*Thoughtful discussion took place about transitioning to in-person events – trying to figure out how to transition from everything being virtual, back to offering in-person classes at MCC building.

*We also want to be inclusive of McLean’s senior population in responding to the need for additional vaccine venues.

*Discussion also focused on marketing emphasis of supporting local businesses –activities that MCC offers reach out to local businesses and effectively highlight. A new small business in McLean (“Craving for Chocolate”) would appreciate such support by featuring them in a program similar to McLean Uncorked. **MCC has an important role of highlighting and generating support by the public for local McLean businesses.**

*Public communication/PIO office: 1. informing the community about George Sachs’ retirement; and 2. messaging about programs going on at MCC.

Summary by Chair Foderaro-Guertin: MCC staff is doing an AMAZING job! There is stuff going on in McLean that is not going on in other places!



CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE *Chair Post referenced the detailed information presented in February 4 Minutes.

Current projects: lighting replacement – this goes a long way toward standardizing fixtures and reducing recycling expenses from multiple sizes and types of bulbs throughout the building. There was great conversation about the Green Room renovations; HVAC unit replacements in Community Hall and trying to review how those energy efficiency HVAC updates will show some results toward our sustainability initiatives. New security measures and the potential for a security camera system at OFC; updates on COVID-19 sanitation and the last Purifi treatment that was completed recently.

Sustainability: Mr. Sachs gave a briefing on solar initiatives for Fairfax County: MCC is on the list of nine county buildings that will be in the next round of considerations. A public hearing will be held on March 9 at BoS. Chair Post also met with Kate Walker (Falls Church city govt.). Falls Church has extremely robust sustainability programs (greenhouse gas reductions; EV charging stations; composting; gardening). This led to a subsequent discussion with Fairfax Co. employee Chris McGough, who has offered to include MCC in a FREE county pilot composting program. Chair Post is hoping (with help from Mr. Sachs and Mr. McGovern) to set this up soon. It's an opportunity to get MCC staff comfortable with composting on a small scale before potentially rolling-out on a larger scale to the community. It is well known that food waste that ends up in landfills, producing a large amount of methane (an even more powerful greenhouse gas than CO²).

Composting is an important endeavor; the fact that the county currently has this program is ideal.

ACTION ITEM: Explore having a pollinator garden at MCC and pollinator containers at OFC. With the new landscaping vendor in place, maybe we can contact Scout Troop 128 to help resource this project.

Extensive review of capital projects: Stage floor replacement (contract had to be extended); LED house light and work light renovations; Dressing Room renovation - Mr. McGovern was instrumental in reducing the cost from \$200K to \$70K!

New topics: 1. EV charging stations – gathering information is underway. Vendors have been suggested by Kate Walker through Falls Church. But also, Mr. Sachs and Mr. McGovern will look into zoning (for the parking lot).
2. Seniors playground (idea mentioned by Barbara Zamora-Appel based on examples she has seen in Japan).

ACTION ITEM: Request a review of the McLean Central Park Master Plan. Mr. Sachs will reach out to FCPA Acting Director to find out whether specific improvements to McLean Central Park were contained in the bond referendum that was passed in November 2020 election.

3. Fairfax County now has a “Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan”. There are many public surveys for everyone to fill out. It affects all Fairfax County residents, but also agencies like MCC. Purpose is to develop goals and implement strategies that will reduce GHG's and help with the climate and resiliency, going forward.

ACTION ITEM: All board members are encouraged to fill out the surveys. Chair Post will send the link.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Treasurer Zamora-Appel presented an update

We have essentially broken even this year; all of what was cancelled didn't have expenses (due to cancelation). Even though the finance aspect looks like MCC didn't spend what we didn't earn... what it doesn't show is the amount of work that MCC accomplished during the COVID-19 shutdown. All programming that was done online did not have any expenses attached to it. All virtual programs were offered FREE! There was no charge to the community; and whatever small charges that were incurred did not really affect the expenses vs. revenue that MCC had. We all know that this upcoming McLean Day will not be the same as other years (that event usually has about \$70K expenses and between \$55-56K in revenue). Based on the forecasting, MCC will have a projected shortfall of \$72K. But again – what MCC is trying to accomplish with the Programs Committee and others is: trying to offer additional benefits to the public. **Yes – we are still collecting property tax revenues; but MCC is continuing to provide services to the public.** The new Fairfax Co. budget was released to the public this week; there will perhaps be \$.01 increase in property taxes. **Overall, MCC is in very good standing. Kudos to MCC staff – because they have made it possible! Staff went through every line item to make sure nothing was missed. Also, tremendous effort was made on the programs that staff designed without having to spend so much money on it – and not charging!**



ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE *Chair Markwart presented a summary.

Candidate packets: Six adults have picked-up packets; one has returned their packet. Ms. Markwart has spoken to every person except one: all seem enthusiastic and ready to do it (no hesitation)! In recent years, people tend to pick-up packets at the last minute on Thursday/Friday, just before the due date. Four students from McLean H.S. have picked up Candidate packets; no one yet from Langley H.S. We have advertised on Facebook and Sabrina Anwah has been in touch with the Principals and college/career counselors. Several people “liked” what was put on Facebook. Hopefully, with these ongoing efforts to get the word out, more folks will pick up Candidate packets in the remaining weeks.

Candidate Orientation: Saturday, March 13 *virtual; on ZOOM

(adult photos = 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; adult meeting 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.; youth meeting 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Presentation will be the same as last year, updated to include final details about the drive-thru voting process on Earth Day.

ADVANCE: Two opportunities for Board members to assist with in-person voting (Earth Day and McLean Day).

Under the MOU, MCC staff are not allowed to handle the ballots or be part of the election. Therefore, it is proposed to have Board members staff three stations during drive-thru voting: 1. As cars come in, hand out ballots; 2. mid-route: to direct folks and answer any questions; 3. stand at the Ballot Box to receive completed ballots. Earth Day is short (3 hours); however, it will involve six hours on McLean Day. Several people will be needed to staff the stations on both days.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Markwart will send out an e-mail with the dates (sign-up Genius or Google doc).

Start time of voting on McLean Day: Clarification by Mr. Sachs: The reason voting on McLean Day started at 10:30 a.m. in past years was to accommodate many people who only wanted to vote – but didn’t want to come to the large carnival.

They could just drive-up and park... vote... and then drive-out. There is no need to offer that in the set-up this year.

Comment by Ms. Novak: For consistency, we need to publicize the start of everything at 11:00 a.m. on McLean Day.

Ways to vote: Question: Chair Le Menestrel has received several questions from people in the community about different ways to vote (other than going in-person to MCC). Can they request a ballot online? Is ballot request information available now on MCC website?

Clarification by Mr. Sachs: As soon as we have the ballots prepared (once the candidates are duly confirmed), it will all be posted on MCC website and publicly announced: Open Voting officially begins on March 17.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS *Such discussion is permitted in the context of COVID-19 emergency.

Question: Regarding Governor Northam’s press conference today – will that be taken into consideration for what MCC is planning? Hypothetically, could MCC start offering more events?

Clarification by Mr. Sachs: It is interesting, and we are watching it closely. It is not changing much in what MCC is doing currently: we are still restricted to 10 people indoors; outdoor restriction is 25 people. At outdoor entertainment venues (stadiums; ball fields), they can accommodate 1,000 people/30% capacity. Social-distancing and masks are still required. We are monitoring it, and we will do what we can. Summer concerts in the park will resume in June; we are awaiting FCPS to allow it. We don’t know yet about Langley High School for 4th of July – we are awaiting FCPS permission.

Clarification by Mike Fisher: **The most immediate impact of this change in limit is things like MCC’s T-ball class (it will afford us the opportunity to accept a few more kids into that class since it is outside); Music Together would also fall under this category. But we still must be sensitive to our MCC instructors and their own personal comfort threshold and comfort level. We will take it slow. The outdoor classes will likely see the most immediate results from the changes in official guidance.** Nothing else was mentioned as an additional topic for discussion this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Le Menestrel thanked Scout Troop 128 for attending. She also thanked Paul Kohlenberger and all other public participants who attended this evening. Board members were reminded to submit their questions for the Executive Director interview candidates. They will receive instructions soon about how to get binders and the final interview schedule.

REMINDER: once you know who the candidates are, it is a confidential process.

There being no further business, Chair Le Menestrel adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Holly Novak, Executive Assistant to the Governing Board