



**2022-2023 MCC Governing Board
Regular Meeting**

October 26, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Remote participation: 1. quorum is present in-person at MCC;
2. "Public Comment" expressed by individuals in-person is permissible.

MINUTES

Board Members present:

in-person: Barbara Zamora-Appel - Chair; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran; Charlotte Loving; Anna Bartosiewicz; Bill Glikbarg
virtual: Kristina Groennings (*Los Angeles, CA; work travel*); Ari Ghasemian (*Madison, WI; work travel*)

Board Members absent:

Shivani Saboo

MCC Staff present:

Evan Braff, Acting Executive Director; Holly Novak, Exec. Assistant; Mike Fisher, General Programs Director; Catherine Nesbitt, Special Events Manager

Guests:

Camila Alonzo-Meza (Supervisor Foust's office); Kim Dorgan (McLean Revitalization Corporation); Catherine Nesbitt, Special Events Manager; Paul Kohlenberger; Deb Bissen (MPA); James Lawless; John David; Shari Anderson; Nhu-An White (Fairfax Co. Dept. of Human Resources)

CONVENE MEETING

The Governing Board Chair convened a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center on October 26, 2022, at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was open to the public attending in-person. A courtesy announcement was made about the meeting being audio-recorded. No changes to the agenda were requested; it was adopted by acclamation.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Governing Board Chair transitioned to a review and final approval of Minutes of recent Governing Board meetings. Minutes of September 28, 2022 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing on FY2024 Budget were reviewed. No changes were requested; accepted as written.

MOTION: To approve Minutes of September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting & Public Hearing on FY2024 Budget.
Approved by a vote of 10:
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting "AYE."
Shivani Saboo was absent.

Minutes of several Special Called Meetings (Subcommittee of the Whole) were reviewed: October 12, 13, 14, 17, 19. These meetings were publicly announced and had to do with interviews. No changes were requested; accepted as written.

MOTION: To approve Minutes of Special Called Meetings (Subcommittee of the Whole) on October 12, 13, 14, 17 and 19.
Approved by a vote of 10:
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting "AYE."
Shivani Saboo was absent.



APPROVE FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed FY2024 budget for MCC has received thorough review in comprehensive explanations to the board and the public during Finance Committee meetings over recent months, as well as a Public Hearing on the FY2024 budget held on September 28. All questions by board members and the public have been addressed and this budget is deemed ready to be submitted to Fairfax County. Vice-Chair Rahman stated the following MOTION:

MOTION: That the Governing Board approve the draft MCC FY2024 Budget Proposal as presented at the Public Hearing on September 28, 2022, and direct staff to submit this Board-approved FY2024 Budget Proposal to Fairfax County on or before October 31, 2022.

Approved by a vote of 10:

Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting “AYE.”

Shivani Saboo was absent.

“BETTER BLOCK” – PLACEMAKING EVENT **presentation by Kim Dorgan – president of McLean Revitalization Corporation*
Background: A non-profit organization was created about 25 years ago to encourage enthusiasm about revitalizing downtown McLean. Kim Dorgan chaired a Comprehensive Planning Committee Task Force that completed its work one year ago, charting some hopeful new development that fits residents’ concerns and issues. Earlier this year, Ms. Dorgan met with former Executive Director Daniel Singh to talk about doing a ‘placemaking’ event in McLean. A goal of McLean Revitalization Corp. is to create some energy in downtown McLean – providing an opportunity for the community to get together but not just around a sports activity or events like ArtFest and McLean Day. **What other things should we be doing as a community more frequently?** Although Daniel Singh has moved on, the effort has continued. Fairfax County Revitalization office is involved (liaison Liz Hagg). Supervisor Foust is also very much involved and is enthusiastic about it.

CONCEPT: An idea is not just doing such a placemaking event *once* – but rather, Supervisor Foust challenged us to do it on an annual basis, similar to Herndon’s “Winter Market” every December... movie night or concerts on the first Friday of the summer months. McLean Community Foundation and ArtsFairfax have agreed to be part of the organizing committee. We don’t have a clear concept yet, but we want it to happen sometime in the fall. “Better Block Foundation” is a non-profit urban design organization that has worked with similar communities across the U.S. While they are not the event planners; (they can do that) they are also about urban design: figuring out ‘placemaking.’ **We need to decide: If we had a placemaking space, what would it be like? What would the features be? How would we want it used?** Better Block Foundation facilitates thinking through those issues with the community – through an outreach survey and follow-up meetings. They can help us to create and stage this (along with Celebrate Fairfax), and help in the design elements. A goal is to get more citizens involved in McLean. How do we get more people energized about living here? How do we create more of a sense of community [through this place-making event]?

FUNDING REQUEST PROPOSAL: Budget is \$92,400. To get started, we need to put down 10% to reserve a date with Better Block. McLean Revitalization Corp. board has agreed to put in \$2,000. The goal is to partner with MCC – which is a good fit because of MCC’s role in our community and because you desire to expand beyond the walls here. Partnering with McLean Revitalization Corp. and its focus on downtown could work together well. We will have the resources of Celebrate Fairfax (local know-how; logistics). Better Block will help us figure out what the “it” should look like: design elements to hopefully carry forward, not just for this particular event but building for the community and creating a placemaking space on a permanent basis. **To raise 10% down (\$9,200) McLean Revitalization Corp. has put in \$2K and asks MCC to put in \$7,200 as a Lead Partner.** Much is unknown -What will it look like? When is it held? Better Block generally hosts their events from Friday night through Saturday night – evening events for adults to attend, and also high school kids. We don’t have a lot going on in McLean for high school kids. These are initial ideas – everything is on the table.

Q & A:

***important to involve other local organizations in planning and as funding sources – both initially and annually.**

Question: Around McLean there are various societies and 501(c)3's. Is there some intent to reach out to those organizations as well? AAUW, Friends of MCC, McLean Community Foundation has funds and sponsors. And what is the path from \$9,200 to \$92,400? Also, are there more expenditure beyond that? There is no actual event proposed beyond the concept? How do we actually make this happen? It would be our two organizations as the lead (MCC & McLean Revitalization Corp). But this is for the community of McLean, so if we have more organizations that would like to partner with us, that would be great. And we will need a lot of volunteers - many hours of volunteer effort at events over sequential hours.

Question: In getting other organizations involved, do we just want them to be volunteers to participate in the event, or do we want them to become financially bound into it so that they know if it is an annual event, they will be spending \$1,000 every year?

*Clarification by Ms. Dorgan: In Year 1: We are hoping and expecting the county to help with this. Because we have the county as a partner – and Fairfax County Revitalization office is really interested in the design standards and ideas that Better Block will bring to the table, there is a fund for us to solicit funds from. We're optimistic about funding: of the \$92,000, we would contribute the initial \$9,200 and the remainder for budget would come from Fairfax County. That is our expectation in Year 1. Year 2 is where we will really need to make forward decisions. The more people we have involved who participate and enjoy the experience, who have ideas of how to expand and improve upon it for Year 2, we want them involved. It's easier to have people 'own' it. Better Block has a 120-day plan: they get out on Day 1, do a survey and have everything down to a science in terms of their timelines, and are able to create and turnaround these events. **I'm confident we will have an awesome event and will walk away from it with a blueprint for the next year and the year after that. Also, ways that we can copy similar types of things for the future – maybe a movie night once a month in downtown McLean. We can take those ideas and expand upon them. It becomes a template for future ideas to expand.***

***outreach plan to recruit volunteers and directly involve community organizations**

Question: What concerns me is trying to bring the community 'together.' I want to see that the many local organizations get involved and support this by providing volunteers. Does Better Block explain how to do the outreach experience?

Yes – absolutely. First task is to figure out with a group of people (some size organizing committee) what our first steps would be: When do we want to hold an event? What makes sense given the other activities in McLean? I think After Labor Day may be better time (better weather; people are in town; school is back in session). The first decision: What time of year? Then we would lock-in Better Block and get the timeline going.

***differentiation of this concept from McLean Day – which already fulfills the same goals and is similar**

Question: I know you said you want to have redevelopment investment possibilities as the target commercial aspect of this, but besides that, how does this differ from McLean Day? Because it seems like McLean Day is also an activity to bring in the community?

Response from Ms. Dorgan: That's going to be our challenge. McLean Day is a great day, but in my mind, it caters a lot to younger families in terms of activities and has a different feel. Something we would create is a different type of event – such as a beer garden with music on a Friday night & Saturday night, for example. Regarding what they do in Herndon (Winter Market) – they have a lot of people of German descent there because there is a German military base nearby. So, they thought of fashioning an idea around a German winter market: all the vendors and food are in that theme. It's not random: our event would be around a theme. Again, we could decide differently - that we don't care and we want to have everybody represented. It's just an idea that works for the uniqueness of Herndon. The goal is to offer more things... different things... and something in downtown McLean.

***crucial to involve local restaurants & businesses community in funding this effort**

Question: McLean seems more international because we don't have a specific cultural group that defines McLean – there are Koreans, Persians, Asians and many different groups here. I can understand maybe the restaurant community, in conjunction with Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, working together to build something. I'm struggling with why this should initially be funded primarily by MCC and not by the business community supporting it? For those high school kids, we have OFC which is designed for older kids – we can be a participant in this broader effort: people going out for a glass of beer and their kids are having fun at OFC during that time.

Response by Ms. Dorgan: At this point, we don't have anything to point to. This is sort of 'seed' money. We are creating something for the first time. We can't point to it and say to the business community: "This is really successful and you need to partner with us for next year and contribute ___X___dollars."

Summary recommendations by Acting Executive Director Braff:

1. The MCC board needs more time to contemplate this and allow us to go back and see if we even have the seed money in our budget, because we've already established our budget for FY24. If we gave an answer in December 2022, does that throw you off?

Response by Ms. Dorgan: Everything is doable. If you need more time, that's fine. At this point, it's really for us to apply for county funds, which is the most important thing.

2. Another important point: Part of the conversation we've been having in Special Events (aligned with the strategic plan): **Is there an opportunity for MCC to build into our Special Events something where we do "First Friday Night" or "Final Fridays"**. When we come back on that topic in December, not only can we look at fiscal implications – because **we are trying to grow outward what MCC is doing and our staff would be doing some of the heavy lifting. I also want them to weigh-in on this proposal.** Recognizing the time constraint, by December 7 meeting, this board could have a vote based on the information the staff gives you.

Comment by Chair Zamora-Appel: Programs & Outreach Committee meeting is coming up on Nov. 2 so that also would be a place to have this conversation.

Comment by Acting Executive Director Braff: Yes – we will add that to the agenda to vet this a bit more

3. Understand exact scope and actual hours of this type of event + seek commitment of local merchants

Question: I would assume that we want to get the merchants, landlords involved? I would like to see how they plan to outreach to those folks so that we have a path that involves all the merchants – either financially or being open for extended hours.

Clarification by Acting Executive Director Braff: That's a good point because we are starting to look at "First Fridays" in Manassas (Mike Fisher is doing some research about that). Our understanding from that model in downtown Manassas is that they are completely funded by the restaurants: they allow people to come into the restaurants to get food, beer and they corner-off a big section of the town where people can sit down and walk around with their beers. Eventually our model must evolve to that. Kim Dorgan recognizes that the business community plays a big role in this, so your question is tracking in-line with what McLean Revitalization Corporation is envisioning.

ACTION ITEM: Put this topic on the Agenda of Programs & Outreach Committee meeting on November 2.

CHAIR'S REPORT *The Gov. Board Chair summarized recent progress on topics from the September meeting and in weeks following.

Search update: Interviews are underway for our next Executive Director. We will finalize that in the next few weeks.

Virtual meetings: We now have legal language of two respective meeting policies ("All-Virtual" and "Remote Participation"). The issue of how to conduct meetings going forward was raised and the new "All-Virtual" policy will allow us to have more virtual meetings. Our pattern since July 2021 has been for MCC Governing Board to meet in-person based on "Remote Participation" policy which is currently in effect. Holly Novak wrote an excellent summary document explaining everything that we will now have to comply with, and what this new opportunity provides so we can convene virtual meetings more often. Are there any questions about this?

Question: If a committee meeting has all-virtual does that preclude the next consecutive board meeting from being all-virtual? Or are committee meetings on their own separate schedule basis.

Explanation by Acting Executive Director Braff: It's on its own basis. The full board is on a separate strata from the committee meetings. So, no – a committee meeting being all-virtual doesn't affect the schedule of the regular board meetings. You are allowed to have four board meetings virtually (can't be consecutive). And the committees would have the same rule respectively; but one doesn't affect the other. That's a good question, Ari.



Question by Governing Board Chair: Although we are a community center, we cannot make the rules ourselves – we must follow what Fairfax County says. It gives us more flexibility. Who decides which of our meetings will be all-virtual? Right now, we have the legal documents, but when could we start with this once the required MOTION is adopted?

Clarification by Acting Executive Director Braff: We can start whenever you want. It comes down to voting on a MOTION for allowing staff to work with the Governing Board Secretary to come back to the board with a proposed schedule. I suggest that at the December 7 meeting, the Governing Board Secretary will propose what meetings for the rest of the year would be convened as “All-Virtual”. I’m hoping when the Virginia General Assembly meets, it will become an option that all meetings can go virtual. That’s supposedly going to be in the legislative package for next year and hopefully the Virginia legislature will allow “all-virtual” meetings.

MOTION: The MCC Governing Board directs MCC staff to work with the Governing Board Secretary to establish four virtual meetings in this board cycle year. The meeting schedule will be shared by the next board meeting [December 7, 2022].

Approved by a vote of 10:

Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting “AYE.”

Shivani Saboo was absent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- *CPR and first aid classes are happening on December 11 and April 16. We are still trying to find someone to teach babysitting classes; hopefully finalized in our next contract cycle.
- *AARP (Therapeutic Recreation Division) – they met with our staff.
- *Cooperative Extension meeting to find out what they can offer - master gardeners (which was a request from the board)
- *Most events at OFC have sold out! Good kudos for that!
- *Over 1,300 people attended PetFest! Excellent work by Catherine Nesbitt and the Special Events team.
- *The Alden performance last Sunday with Peking Acrobats -280 people in the audience! It’s nice to see folks coming back.
- *Antique Show – November 12 & 13
- *Holiday Craft Show – December 2, 3, 4
- *Special guests at upcoming Governing Board meetings: December 7 meeting– SPARC will give a presentation.
January 25 - Leila Gordon from Reston CC will talk about accreditation and how we can start having that discussion.
- *FY2024 Budget: MCC’s FY2024 budget was presented to McLean Citizens Association. We received really good feedback and some positive notes from them. Congratulations to Comptroller Karra for an excellent presentation! People are curious and when we take the time to open up, be transparent and share what’s going on, they are really appreciative. The feedback I received was that MCA was very happy that we did the presentation. It was a great conversation. The feedback we received is that MCC is doing a good job.
- *Idea suggested by MCA: In January 2023 we will have a night at The Alden where we pull back the curtain and show what actually goes into putting on a performance: all costs; technical details. That education helps improve public understanding. We may include local theater groups to present in the evening to demonstrate the experience of production.
- *Fee structure: This is most likely Acting Executive Director Braff’s last meeting with the MCC Governing Board. He wants to thank everyone for leaning-in and supporting his efforts. One final request...Melanie Sletten has been working tirelessly about lowering costs at MCC and she is a great advocate of looking at fee structure. We have already identified one fee that we can address immediately: SIA membership. As of now, MCC charges \$48 quarterly. We have done a review of Fairfax County senior centers – they charge much less. Comptroller Karra worked out the numbers; it’s not going to hurt MCC revenue-wise to align our pricing with the county. So, if it’s O.K. with you all, as my last action here, I’ve asked Melanie Sletten to present a MOTION on that. Melanie Sletten thanked MCC staff members who did the research.



Background: Currently the fee for Seniors in Action is \$48 each quarter. A review of Fairfax County Senior Center fee is \$48 annually and \$24 annually for residents who have incomes that fall at 220% or below the national poverty guidelines. Out-of-county residents pay an annual fee of \$100. MCC staff has reviewed the fiscal impact of aligning with the county Senior Center fee and are recommending alignment with this fee. MCC staff also confirmed there will be minimal fiscal revenue impact.

MOTION: [For the Seniors in Action program] The annual fee for Small District 1A-Dranesville residents would be \$48 and \$24 for Small District 1A-Dranesville residents who have incomes that fall at 220% or below the national poverty guidelines. Non-residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville would pay an annual fee of \$100. These fees would become effective January 2023.

The MOTION was seconded. *There was a request for discussion.

Discussion:

We should note in our public communication that MCC, as a government agency, is actually lowering costs! We need to be clear and positive: this is bringing the fees DOWN. That's important to be saying in this economic environment. Please amend the MOTION as follows: To direct the PIO staff to make this well-known through our website and other communication channels. We want the community to know this is a great thing MCC is doing for our seniors!

MOTION: [For the Seniors in Action program] The annual fee for residents would be \$48 and \$24 for Small District 1A-Dranesville residents who have incomes that fall at 220% or below the national poverty guidelines. Non-residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville would pay an annual fee of \$100. These fees would become effective January 2023. And to direct the PIO staff to make this well-known in a public manner through our website and other communication channels.

This revised MOTION was seconded by William Glikbarg, now with the above language added about marketing.

Approved by a vote of 10:

Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting “AYE.”

Shivani Saboo was absent.

Update from McLean Project for the Arts *remarks by Deb Bissen, Communications Director for MPA

In the ramp gallery, children's artwork is on display that was displaced by the hurricane on ArtFest weekend - pieces from Kindergarten up to high school. Also, fifteen pieces from this exhibit are being displayed at Dulles Airport in partnership with Metropolitan Airport Planning Commission! MPA is excited to see happy children's artwork being thus featured. "Continuum" exhibit continues through Nov. 10; three MCC Governing Board members viewed the exhibit tonight prior to this meeting and MPA will try to offer that opportunity again for the next exhibit which opens on December 9. Fall art classes and workshops are going well. ArtReach program is welcoming many school groups: yesterday, a Special Ed. teacher at McLean H.S. got all the kids on a public bus at McLean H.S., riding as close as they could get to MCC and then walked here. MPA is glad to welcome many different community organizations serving kids, people with disabilities, and seniors.

DISCUSSION OF "RULES OF CONDUCT" POLICY *A DRAFT policy was distributed for advance review.

Explanation by Acting Executive Director Bruff: We don't have to do this today, but it's one of the things I've noticed in being here. Thankfully, MCC staff has done a really great job of addressing any negative behaviors that occur at MCC. **But if something ever were to happen, we don't have anything that we can reference for people. As you are thinking about seeking accreditation, it would be a requirement of accreditation to have such "Rules of Conduct."** I suggest having one or two members of the Governing Board who would be willing to work with staff to bring the proposed DRAFT to finality and present it at the December 7 board meeting. As a volunteer working group, you would check-in with each Governing Board member to see if they have any comments regarding the proposed "Rules of Conduct." Then at the December 7 meeting, present a final DRAFT so the full board can endorse it.

ACTION ITEM: Anna Bartosiewicz and Kristina Groennings volunteered to work on this together.



Question: I've heard on the news about terrible events happening at schools. I want to make sure - are there things MCC can do to attempt to control those kinds of events and not have one happen here?

*Clarification by Acting Executive Director Braff: I agree with you. **And that's why you need "Rules of Conduct" – so that everyone walking into this building understands what those expectations are. Also, part of that is weaving-in this board's endorsement of One Fairfax and making sure that everyone understands that anyone who comes into this facility is going to be welcomed and included, as long as they adhere to those things that we establish.***

Summary: The Governing Board Chair recommended having a posterboard at every MCC entrance door that is visible for everyone to see and refer to. She also recommends having the MCC DEIA statement displayed next to it so that we can always think about: MCC is welcoming and inclusive; bad behavior will not be welcomed. We want to make sure this is a safe environment for everyone. Having those two documents displayed together will make a difference in understanding what we're trying to accomplish here.

Question: What frightens me is having a policeman in every school; are we headed down that path? How far do we go? We want to be welcoming... but we also need to protect the people here.

Clarification by Governing Board Chair: No – we are trying to make MCC be what it IS... and "Rules of Conduct" is something that is needed. Why? Because we sometimes need to remind people that this is a place of community. And as such, there are rules that some people have not observed. I think this is a nice thing to have so our community knows that intolerance will not be tolerated. Sometimes it is bad behavior that brings that out. We have many children here... we have senior citizens.. and we have people present at all hours of the day. Everyone should behave and be welcomed.

Comment by Acting Executive Director Evan Braff: This is a first step. When necessary, we do interact with Fairfax County Security office – anytime there is an issue, they are assessing this building in any situation. That can be a conversation for another future board meeting. My concern is: If we ever have to take action against someone... (and thank goodness we haven't. People have been really good here), in my 28 years of experience, the first thing the person will say is: "What are your Rules of Conduct?" And if you don't have them, it makes the situation really problematic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Governing Board Chair invited any individuals wishing to **express verbal** public comments to do so now at the lectern. Three minutes was allotted for each person, provided they first stated aloud their residential address so MCC staff could verify them as being a tax district resident. **No one from the public expressed verbal comments during this meeting.**

Incoming written public comments received in the weeks since the last Governing Board meeting on September 28, 2022, are shown below. These comments were verified by MCC staff as coming from a Small District 1A-Dranesville resident.

1. April Georgelas

From: April <askapril@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:05 PM
To: Braff, Evan L. <Evan.Braff@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: April <askapril@cox.net>
Subject: Re: Budget Hearing...

Evan...

I appreciate your response and hopeful message.

Yes, you may put my email on record.

I have been trying for months to get these changes and also appealed to MCA for support.

I understand that the MCA Budget Committee did contact you about this matter.

There is a MCA Education Committee Meeting on 10/19/2022 at MCC in the main large room.

I hope MCC will work with the MCA Team to make this a hybrid zoom event and recorded for Public Review.



I look forward to your updates.

Thanks.....April

On Oct 3, 2022, at 11:43 AM, Braff, Evan L. <Evan.Braff@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:

Good morning April,
Hope you had a nice weekend. Your e-mail is very timely. The MCC Governing Board is in the process of developing a virtual meeting policy/practice. They are working with the Office of the County Attorney to determine any legal requirements they must adhere to as it relates to moving towards this practice. Right now, it is my understanding, that there are legal restrictions as outlined in the Virginia Code on how many times a public body governing board can meet virtually. Some good news: My understanding is that at the next Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly, a bill is going to be introduced that allows for unlimited virtual meetings by these types of public governing bodies. We are all would be excited if that happens 😊.

I would like your permission to have your e-mail go on public record and be shared with the Governing Board. Please let me know if I can do that.

Kind Regards,
Evan

From: April <askapril@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Braff, Evan L. <Evan.Braff@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: April <askapril@cox.net>
Subject: Budget Hearing...

Evan.....

Why wasn't this Hearing a hybrid zoom meeting to allow for Public Transparency ?

All MCC Board Meetings should also be hybrid zoom.

There should be hybrid zoom capability in large main meeting area.

The massive and expensive renovation should have included this capability.

Taxpayers give MCC a great deal of money annually and we deserve to have access and transparency.

Please correct this inadequate situation asap.

Thanks....

April Georgelas McLean, VA 22101

2. Bonnie Myshrall

From: Bonnie Myshrall <bkarthur@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:46 AM

To: Beyer, Carolyn <Carolyn.Beyer@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Foust, John W. <John.Foust@fairfaxcounty.gov>; McGovern, Joseph <Joe.McGovern@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Braff, Evan L. <Evan.Braff@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Sletten, Melanie <Melanie.Sletten@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Mariam, Lisa <Lisa.Mariam@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Glikbarg, William <William.Glikbarg@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Bartosiewicz, Anna <Anna.Bartosiewicz@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Saboo, Shivani <Shivani.Saboo@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Groennings, Kristina <Kristina.Groennings@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Rahman, Rasheq <Rasheq.Rahman@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Zamora-Appel, Barbara <Barbara.Zamora-Appel@fairfaxcounty.gov>

Subject: Security Issue at McLean Community Center



To Supervisor Foust, Officer Beyer, McLean Community Center Board, Executive Director, and Facilities Manager,

I am a parent of a minor child who takes classes at the McLean Community Center. She has been doing various classes there for over 10 years. I have always felt that the community center was a safe place for her to be, and as she's gotten older, I just drop her off and pick her up, not feeling the need to walk her in or wait for her. Until now. Over the summer, while she was at a MCC camp, I heard after the fact that there were homeless people in the vicinity of where she had been. I also heard that with the departure of the last executive director, this problem would no longer be an issue. I was wrong.

Last night, I walked in to watch the end of a dance class and noticed a man sleeping across the hall from where the children were taking their class (photo attached). I learned that this particular individual is often at MCC, has been confrontational, and likely has some mental health issues. While I strongly believe we as a community should help people in need, the McLean Community Center is not the place to fill that need. It neither has the resources or staff to help someone in this position, and it does not have the security necessary to protect the minor children that are using the Community Center for the very reason the MCC was founded and funded by our tax dollars. Nor should the staff of the community center be expected to do their jobs and provide that security or be subjected to the hostility and instability of someone with potential mental health issues.

I am writing to ask that you: (1) commit to additional security or put in place policies to have the problem resolved; and (2) immediately notify other families that this is happening. I am alarmed that there is a potential threat to our minor children and no one saw fit to communicate this to parents.

Again, we all want to help support people in need, and I support organizations whose missions are to help people like this gentleman, but that is NOT the charter or mission of the Community Center, and the MCC and Fairfax County need to prioritize the safety of our children and staff at the community center.

Please let me know your plans to address this issue, and thank you all for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Myshrall - McLean, VA

3. Mari Daniel

From: M Daniel <chiak74@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:29 AM

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Subject: Security Issue at McLean Community Center

Dear whom it may concern,

Some of the parents, including myself, whose minor children attend activities held at the McLean Community Center have witnessed a homeless man using the facility as a shelter multiple times. I've heard that the man has been a physical threat to some of the community center workers in the past. Please help take an action to remove the threat so that we can send our kids to a safe facility.

Thank you very much!!

Respectfully,
Mari Daniel
McLean, Virginia



4. Louise Epstein

From: Louise Epstein <lkepstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Braff, Evan L. <Evan.Braff@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Karra, Ashok <Ashok.Karra@fairfaxcounty.gov>
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Subject: FCPS Community Use Policies Evolving

Evan and Ashok,

The attached document was just posted on the FCPS web site. It provides information on how FCPS is planning to make it harder for third party organizations to rent space for after-school and weekend programs.

It would be great if the McLean Community Center could provide meeting and rehearsal spaces for enrichment programs serving the children who live in greater McLean, along with bus transportation from our elementary and middle schools to the MCC.

Best, Louise

CC: Scott Spitzer, MCA President
Raj Mehra, MCA Vice-Chair, Budget & Taxation Committee
Jim Beggs, MCA Chair, Education & Youth Committee

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Zamora-Appel announced that this meeting would now transition into “Closed Session.” After the following MOTION was read, she directed all members of the public to please leave the room and thanked them for coming tonight.

The Governing Board Chair read aloud the following MOTION to go into “Closed Session” and took a vote on it:

Motion Going into Closed Session:

Chairperson or designee: I move that the McLean Community Center Governing Board go into Closed Session, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussion of prospective candidates for employment by the McLean Community Center Governing Board. The subject matter to be conducted, discussed and considered are the interviews of candidates for the position of Executive Director of the McLean Community Center.

Approved by a vote of 10:

Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting “AYE.”
Shivani Saboo was absent.

Preserving confidentiality of the interview process with candidates: After the MOTION was read aloud and voted on, the existing virtual connection on Microsoft Teams was vacated – those board members participating virtually “left” the online connection. By this departure, the public no longer had access to an ensuing confidential conversation with candidate(s) for the position of Executive Director of the McLean Community Center.

At this point, the board proceeded to conduct virtual interview conversation with candidate(s) using a different Microsoft Teams connection (unpublished; confidential). According to Fairfax County HR protocols, this level of confidentiality is



required to prevent the public from viewing, observing or participating while a public body is engaged in deliberations to consider individual candidates who have qualified for an open position in a professional career search process.

Closed Session began at 7:19 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 9:40 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

When the confidential interview conversations concluded, Chair Zamora-Appel announced that the meeting would return to “Public Session,” meaning that the public was now welcome again to participate in-person or online. At this point, the Governing Board returned to the original Microsoft Teams connection which was still open and accessible to the public. With the public now being able to participate again fully in the ongoing proceedings, the cleansing MOTION to reconvene into Public Session was stated aloud by Chair Zamora-Appel and a vote was taken to come out of “Closed Session:”

Motion Coming Out of Closed Session:

Chairperson or designee: In accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, I move that the members certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session meeting by the McLean Community Center Governing Board.

Approved by a vote of 10:

Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian, Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving – all voting “AYE.”

Shivani Saboo was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Zamora-Appel thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Holly Novak, Executive Assistant