



**2022-2023 MCC Governing Board
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2023 6:30 p.m. ALL-VIRTUAL**

MINUTES

- Board Members present:** *virtual:* Barbara Zamora-Appel - Chair; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran; Charlotte Loving; Ari Ghasemian; Anna Bartosiewicz; Shivani Saboo; Bill Glikbarg; Kristina Groennings
- MCC Staff present:** Betsy May-Salazar, Executive Director; Holly Novak, Executive Assistant; Mike Fisher, General Programs Director; Sarah Schallern Treff, Performing Arts Director; Sabrina Anwah, PIO; Catherine Nesbitt, Special Events Manager; Ashok Karra, Comptroller; Joe McGovern, Facilities Manager
- Guests:** Leila Gordon, Executive Director of Reston Community Center; John David; Camila Alfonzo Meza – Supervisor Foust’s office; Lori Carbonneau (MPA); Deb Bissen (MPA); Sowanjanya O’Neill (McLean Citizens Association)

CONVENE MEETING

Governing Board Chair Zamora-Appel convened a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center on January 25, 2023, at 6:32 p.m. This “All-Virtual” meeting via Microsoft Teams was open to members of public, Governing Board and MCC staff attending online only. A courtesy announcement was made about the meeting being recorded. Detailed procedures for public participation, including opportunity for public comment, were explained at the onset of the meeting. No changes to the agenda were requested; it was adopted by acclamation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of two recent meetings were reviewed: December 7, 2022 Regular Meeting; December 14, 2022 Special Called Meeting. No changes were requested to these documents; accepted as written:

- MOTION:** To approve Minutes of: December 7, 2022, Regular Meeting.
To approve Minutes of: December 14, 2022 Special Called Meeting.

Approved by a vote of 11:

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

LEILA GORDON – EXPLANATION OF CAPRA ACCREDITATION

Thanks for inviting me to speak about CAPRA accreditation: Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies – a division of NRPA (National Parks & Recreations Association), which is the body that represents all park and recreation municipal, local, county government agencies throughout the U.S. and some in Canada. **Reston Community Center was accredited in May 2020.**

SCOPE: Accreditation involves your agency looking at 150+ different standards dealing with all aspects of operating a park or recreation local government department: administration; strategic planning, policy development, programming, personnel, operations, financial elements of operating a governing agency, customer satisfaction and feedback; demonstrating the value of parks and recreation to the communities they serve. It’s a very extensive process. **If you decide to pursue this, it takes four full years to prepare for the accreditation visit and prepare to submit your accreditation documentation to CAPRA.**

PROCESS STEPS:

1. Gather “Evidence of Compliance:” 154 standards are divided into 10 sections; for each, you must submit

documentation showing you are in compliance with that standard. You can submit such EOC two times per year, demonstrating that you are meeting the standards.

2. **Site visit: A site visit of 3 professionals in the field for 3 days:** community introduction – to show the community that we meet those standards; visit local parks or facilities; tour of the town; demonstrating RCC activities. Much effort was spent showing the visiting team where RCC keeps its policies such as employee notices, complying with fire code, etc. It's a very thorough examination of the reality that is presented through the documentation.
3. **Coordination with Fairfax County:** A significant amount of evidence of compliance in best practices is in Fairfax Co. *existing* policies & procedures. This county information was difficult to share electronically because it was secured.

BENEFIT: Not every park and recreation agency can achieve this certification. It's a way of communicating to your community that you are operating at the highest level of stewardship and accountability: organization is engaged with the community, seeks appropriate feedback and gets customer satisfaction surveys about programs, have an extensive strategic plan process which incorporated public feedback. **Accreditation causes you to gather and systematize what you do on a daily basis – similar to “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.” It shows that outside investigators have reviewed all processes, the content you are producing, your physical plant – and CAPRA is validating that you are complying with the industry standards.**

FOLLOW-UP: After accreditation the first time, then you submit an annual report. CAPRA selects a set of standards that you must upload to show you are still meeting these requirements. Then, every 5 years after, you go through the entire accreditation process again.

THOROUGH PREPARATION:

1. Preparing for it the first time will take more than one year. We are operating at highest level of accountability and transparency but those processes are not readily visible – it's hard to put them into a detailed report. MCC staff is busy serving people of McLean every day. RCC spent four years compiling Evidence of Compliance.
2. Ask FCPA to look at it and review (“Red Team”). That exercise was horrifying for RCC because we thought we were very impressed with ourselves. But then someone who had no investment in it at all quickly saw where we were missing a link between one standard and another. Try to assemble a “Red Team” from colleagues in FCPA or RCC, to literally come in and rehearse a site visit.
3. Once all gaps revealed in that process are fixed, set aside two months to refine and put the evidence of compliance (EOC) materials into a single voice. Different departments may have distinct ways of expressing how they do things. Have a designated writer who will transfer all that expertise into coordinated, consistent language (security; arts; programs), to remove any specialized jargon.
4. Once finished, be sure to celebrate! because it's an enormous achievement... but then start to think immediately about how to meet those standards on an annual basis and get ready for the 5th year visit!

It's a great process to learn about things we are not cognizant of where an outside perspective will help us strengthen our approach and point out current things in the field that we can adopt. You need a process that builds in time to road-test materials with a local group of people to make sure you are ready for the actual accreditation site visit.

Q & A: *Question: Can you give us a real world example of what you learned – the most valuable takeaway?*

We thought our MOU would be sufficient evidence of the legal relationship between RCC and Fairfax County. But the accreditation standard asks for the ‘enabling documentation’ – it required going all the way back to county records for 1975 to document the legal enabling action of when RCC came into being. This level of detail was surprising. A lot of agencies hire consultants to do the heavy lifting to gather Evidence of Compliance. It took RCC four years because of relying on accrued wisdom and practice of how we'd always done things – but that is *NOT* evidence of compliance. **RCC had to create an entire system of procedural documents based on Fairfax County's procedures (Operating Guidance Memoranda). RCC developed many such procedures – pulling county documents down to the agency level: What does it mean for our agency in how we manage our P-cards; purchase hospitality supplies; manage external training? For all ‘gray areas’ of operations and functions – you must literally create the written documentation of those processes.**

Question: From my experience of museum accreditation process, smaller accreditation programs could be achieved initially: public affairs; collections policies. Is it possible to work on small pieces one at a time to build-out appropriate documentation, with the ultimate goal of CAPRA accreditation?

It's different for every field. Because parks and recreation are inside a more robust government structure, there are no small, medium or large envelopes for accreditation procedures: it is 'all or nothing.' **In those 154 standards, you are only allowed to miss two in core competencies and overall, not more than six altogether. It is stringent and comprehensive.** That's why smaller agencies take longer to do it using existing staff; cities hire outside consultants with few limits on time and budget to pull it together. FCPA does it in-house and they assign a team to it. RCC had a team of point people for different sections. When the RCC board said to pursue it, we did not promise to meet a deadline at the expense of our daily operations, nor hinder our strategic plan.

Question: Regarding the strategic plan, how did you tie those 154 measures together and did that affect your overall goals? MCC's strategic approach is to use goals to define metrics and the action items for staff. How did you approach that with accreditation in mind? Before RCC was accredited, we referred to metrics and data reporting (accountability metrics) as "internal capacity." We identified that we would use data, measure customer satisfaction and produce financial reports (administrative accountability). **The accreditation objective is in the muscular-skeletal aspect of your agency: your agency can't function without these processes and approaches. It becomes a visible outcome that we will then continue to achieve and live up to – not a goal by itself. It's about maintaining the standard.**

Question: How did you work with other agencies and let them maintain appropriate processes and receive services from them?

The accreditation site visitors sat and viewed on the screen applicable Fairfax Co. government procedural memoranda (time/attendance sheets; vehicle servicing, procurement; other documents within administrative framework of Fairfax Co. government.) An entire universe is available to link to this accreditation – when the visiting team comes, for HR standards, you describe what are Fairfax County's HR procedures and upload .pdf files of those procedural memoranda... or you show how there is a relationship between county policy and practice and how that specifically relates to your agency.

Summary by Board Chair Zamora-Appel: Thank you! The fact that Reston CC accomplished it and now is seeing benefits will be helpful for future MCC Governing Board to consider.

CHAIR'S REPORT **Governing Board Chair Zamora-Appel gave the following remarks.*

***Barbara welcomed Betsy May-Salazar:** We are very glad you have hit the ground running! You have met with people on the staff and in the community. Thank you to board members for focusing on priorities in these initial conversations.

***focusing on strategic plan as our number one priority:** Please review it; if you have any questions or suggestions, we will schedule a meeting in a few weeks to recap. We are not changing the majority or structure of what has been done.

It is publicly available on MCC website. Also look at results of the survey that was sent out, which were very insightful.

***importance of attending meetings:** **We request that if you are not able to attend a committee meeting, please reach out to the committee chair and Holly Novak. If no quorum, it is not an official meeting. That means the notes are 'unofficial' and we can't make decisions.** At least three board members must be present in each committee meeting; this will enhance our success. Please give timely notice if you will require a virtual connection [under the "Remote Participation" policy]. I appreciate all that you do.

***thanks to MCC staff and emphasizing board member presence at events:** I want to thank the staff for the events this year – all were well-attended. Our youth board members have been excellent representatives. **Please attend events – show up! It is nice to observe the staff working and engaging with the community. Look at the advance schedule and see which you can participate in and help with. We need facetime with the public as board members: if people know you are there, they will tell you what they like and don't like.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT **remarks by Executive Director Betsy May-Salazar*

Thank you for welcoming me – three weeks as of yesterday! I'm really enjoying it and I want to thank you for putting faith in me to lead this organization. I've been enthusiastically welcomed by the amazing staff and county executives. Evan Braff has helped me connect with excellent resources, including Leila Gordon. I have had many internal meetings, meetings with several board members and community partners, and have attended several events and programs. I look forward to meeting



with each of you – it is valuable to learn why you are interested in serving and to gain your perspective. **Thank you for continuing to allow me to learn from the staff and board. By doing so, I will be able to gain a sense of what is working well and what opportunities we have going forward. I have been enormously impressed with the breadth of the programs and the expertise of the MCC staff.**

Key priorities:

1. Listen and get to know the board and staff.
2. Meet as many stakeholders as possible.
3. Focus on strategic plan – finalizing it in Spring 2023. It will be invaluable as a guiding document as MCC plans out our annual plans and the 50th anniversary. I can look at all the work done with a fresh set of eyes and help finalize – it has some really strong structure.

Recent Highlights: These programs show a lot of variety in what MCC does; it's an energetic community center!

1. 2023 Governing Board election is underway.
2. Macdonald Scholarship Program - application deadline is this Friday (push this out to the community).
>> We will send a link to you after this meeting to encourage participants from the community.
3. Class registration is strong – staff is excited to welcome back the “Music Together” program.
4. Fairfax Co. Fire & Rescue 155th Recruit School Graduation Ceremony: it was amazing to host this and we hope it is something MCC can continue to do.
5. Winter Block Party –more than 1,200 people attended – great event that allowed the community to gather together.
6. “How Do They Do That”? about the inner workings of The Alden. The audience was really enthralled. We repeated it again for SIA; considering as part of annual orientation for board members. Chair Zamora-Appel remarked there was so much that we can learn and it answered a lot of questions that she had for years. She highly recommends that board members should learn about the budget process – Why do things in The Alden cost what they cost? Why does the county specify different things?
7. MLK celebration – Rachele Claiborne, a great turnout of 180 people. It was a fantastic performance.

Upcoming Program Highlights:

8. Snowball Dance at OFC strong registration.
9. OFC: Bingo Night, Snack-and-Paint;
10. Grammy Nominated “Sweet Honey in the Rock” (MCC is the first stop on their 50th anniversary tour)
11. Nikole Hannah Jones –1619 Project (in partnership with Fairfax Co. Library). Almost sold-out; 3 seats available.
12. Sweetheart Parent/Child Dance
13. Paddington Gets in a Jam – February 26
14. Fiesta del Sol – Latin American/Caribbean festival

YOUTH AMBASSADORS *Charlotte Loving and Sarah Tran gave summary remarks about this newly launched program.

The goal is to **increase high school participation and representing various interests.** Previous youth board members had difficulty getting high schoolers involved. Only middle schoolers were attending. We are trying to incentivize high schoolers to get involved through connection, linking students with MCC, making them more inclined to participate in events. The goal is to advertise programs within the student constituency and get word out about MCC. Currently testing with McLean H.S. and Langley H. S. but eventually it will include private schools in the tax district. This will allow Youth members to better represent their high schools by hearing more voices through this focus group. Acceptance letters have been sent out. Orientation for new Youth Ambassadors is on Wednesday, February 7: What their role is? What their ideas are? Planning now for a Spring ‘blow-off’ steam event after finals so they can enjoy relaxing!

Comments by Mike Fisher: I want to commend Sarah and Charlotte for their foresight and thinking. Their understanding that MCC needed to expand our connections with high schools was illuminating. And we are getting our messages out more to the high schools. A working group meeting: Tuesday, January 30 – if board members have suggestions or questions, please let us know. **We really appreciate Sarah and Charlotte for the foresight they have shown in how MCC can improve our connection with high school students.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE *Chair Lisa Mariam gave a summary of advance planning accomplished TO-DATE.

We had a productive meeting with a quorum! The charter for 50th Anniversary was approved, as well as a decision about the general theme for 50th Anniversary: “A tribute to inspiration... looking back... thinking forward.” This theme will be used by MCC Communications staff to design the logo and other collateral materials. The theme was created with the expectation that MCC & 50th will be reflected in the logo, therefore not repeated in the theme.

Summary by Chair Zamora-Appel: MCC staff was very instrumental in the brainstorming to come up with this. It makes a positive difference to have the staff participating in our board meetings and committee meetings. The committee has recommended this theme and now we will vote on it as a board.

MOTION: 50TH Anniversary committee is recommending to the board that the theme for the 50th Anniversary should be: “A tribute to inspiration... looking back... thinking forward.”

Approved by a vote of 10: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Sarah Tran; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian; Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving; Shivani Saboo
Bill Glikbarg was absent.

PROGRAMS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE *Chair Bartosiewicz summarized the committee’s recent meeting on January 11.

We had a fantastic meeting where we heard a lot of terrific information presented by the staff!

*refreshed focus on youth programming and youth events.

*Many events are selling out!

*Summer programs are successful and we want to consider carrying on similar programs throughout the year.

*focusing on programming for boys and older teenagers to keep them engaged.

*OFC staff discussed ways to bring more kids into OFC for after-school programs.

*discussion of proposed updates to physical OFC building: kitchen replacements; mobile computer labs; finishing the art project in OFC to make the space even more rich and inviting.

*an excellent presentation about performing arts.

*A good discussion of downtown McLean summer event and finding ways to organize it and make it happen in-house without external help. We will find ways to make it our own and keep it our own.

* Fiesta del Sol – Latin American Caribbean event.

*potential idea for incorporating a beer garden into McLean Day – it could be fun, exploring logistical questions about serving alcohol).

*Survey – how to officially use the data that has already been collected. A lot of work is being done to systematically organize it and display the information already on-hand. We will discuss making this survey cyclical and repeated, and also finding ways to reach all groups of people and pull in a wide range of voices. Finding ways to reach people who maybe are not engaging as robustly with MCC and see what’s on their mind and capture those voices.

ENC – 2023 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION *remarks by Shivani Saboo, ENC Chair

The election officially started as of January 19: candidate packets are now open to the public. We thank Holly Novak for her thorough preparation work. The temperament of the election changes every year – sometimes mild... sometimes difficult. Last year was difficult and tense for staff, candidates and board members – instances of disrespect and bullying; stress and unruly behavior from the public. ENC seeks to determine what we could do to remedy those things. Some new preliminary considerations have been suggested and subsequently examined by MCC Executive Director and Fairfax County attorney. It has been determined at this time that we are not considering the addition of candidate and board members campaign pledges.

Problems occurring:

***Partisan energy in what is supposed to be a non-partisan election.** In 2022 there was a lot of political action from the public in general. Our guidelines state that MCC is a non-partisan election. We must balance our election processes with

First Amendment rights of the public (freedom of speech; freedom of association; freedom of affiliation). **We can set the tone of a positive election as we meet with candidates.**

***adopting a more advanced form of voting such as online or ranked-choice**

In recent years, there has been increased interest in having a more advanced form of voting. We decided to start looking into other options potentially for a future year. It's not something that we are considering for this year. If the board thinks this is a key concern, we can continue to research it for future elections. Discussion of alternative ideas will help us make some progress for possible changes to the following year.

*** MOU does not contain any enforcement mechanism for election negativity**

Question: Do you know if the MOU has guidance about what can be done about enforcing the rules? Does that constrain us?

There isn't anything about enforcement; MCC's MOU is barebones – it only references about age limits to run. Our DEIA statement is over-arching (not specific to ENC policy) and applies to the tone and spirit of the election process. This year we won't have a candidate "pledge." We can consider if valuable to have such a pledge in the future, making sure it fits within MOU guidelines.

***infographics for Adult & Youth candidates has harsh language**

If we are going to distribute the infographics, broaden it and express the values of the board that candidates should consider as they seek to campaign. Focus on that. We can look at material that was used last year and see flaws in it. It presents an opportunity to make amends on better language, moving forward. Infographics will be removed from this year's materials.

Summary statement: Thanks for the hard work on this. It's a challenging effort but important work. We should create an environment where ideas should be expressed, but clearly explain that the work this board does is not political. We should think about the values we choose to espouse and make sure those are reflected. Focus on general guidelines and what we are trying to achieve by espousing these values. Let's not be prescriptive but rather be inspirational.

Summary statement: I also want to support the idea that even if we are running out of time now, it's obvious that not all was well with the previous election in tone or process. **It's important to have these conversations for the year after – to find a way in terms of First Amendment rights but also facilitating a civil election process. I was a candidate last year and it was not a 'cheery' process. It's clear that something is wrong and we should think collectively and collaboratively about what needs to change.**

NEXT STEPS:

1. Reviewing the election documents this next week, we can improve it. We should go back to the basics and have some positive statements about why people run for the board. There is still time to revise the Candidate Orientation PowerPoint presentations for March 11.
2. We will remove the infographics from the candidate packets [none have been requested by the public so far].
3. We will better explain context and specific language used, such as 'electioneering.'
4. We will figure out which rules (such as 40-foot distance from the building) are actual regulations and how they are enforced in other elections.
5. Keep researching and making progress on consideration of new processes *now* because any changes to ENC Policies & Procedures must be finalized in months ahead so that the Board of Supervisors can approve (as stated in the MOU).

Summary: ENC Chair expected to be able to make changes when we see things that aren't fair. We don't want to just pass things through with wishful thinking that this year will be better. We anticipate having a structure that more guarantees what we envision as a good election.

CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE **Vice-Chair Rahman gave the following summary remarks.*

On Dec. 14 CFC received a high-level presentation by Fairfax Co. environmental senior management about EV charging and solar technology. It was an open dialogue on issues board members articulated about the business model, how it may be financed, and actual functionality. MCC is on a list for EV charging stations and solar panels, but a proper study must be done before we can move forward, which is on a list of prioritization. Fairfax Co. is focusing on areas that can be a hub for



county vehicles and new construction. We will continue to track this topic and reach out to county officials for any updates or changes in policy. \$250K placeholder remains in MCC’s budget for EV infrastructure and charging stations.

Roof repair: There are some outstanding issues of the flat roof; MCC staff will recommend a future action that CFC will ratify. There were concerns about making sure more than one vendor is consulted and that MCC is in compliance with county procurement rules. We would prefer to have multiple bids on any roof work.

OFC bathrooms (ADA accessibility): We received initial analysis that it would cost \$650K – not a bid but an estimate by county experts extrapolating from previous bids years ago. We asked if multiple vendors were consulted and are trying to understand this further. We are composing a letter to Chris Leonard to request a conversation about the possibility of the county funding fully or cost-sharing with MCC for these necessary improvements and what other funds are available- to explore our options and engage with the county. We want to do it well and get it right. It is completely documented in the notes that Holly Novak and Paul Kohlenberger wrote in previous years and we can explore that background information.

Summary by Board Chair Zamora-Appel: We want to better understand the acquisition process and get proposals from more than one vendor. In a future board meeting, we would like to have someone from county acquisitions come and speak to us so we can better understand how the process works and have it on record, so that when new board members come in, they understand why things happen in a certain way. The “Behind the Scenes” walk-through of The Alden showed the three smoke hatches – you can actually hear the sound of wind blowing aloft because they are not shutting completely (old construction; worn-out; original to the building). That was illuminating to observe. The board would like to understand if there is only one vendor what is their qualification and making sure they are not over-charging.

RULES OF CONDUCT POLICY

This topic was tabled. Further discussion is warranted and a proposed document will be developed for consideration at a future meeting. If anyone has questions about the Rules of Conduct policy, please communicate with Anna Bartosiewicz or Kristina Groennings.

MCLEAN PROJECT FOR THE ARTS - UPDATE

- *Two exhibitions are upstairs in the galleries – continuing through Saturday, February 18. Tomorrow night we have a virtual artist talk by Nancy Sausser and the two artists who are a part of these exhibitions.
- *Annual Youth art shows from McLean pyramid (March 1 – 11) and Langley pyramid (March 16 – 25).
- *Winter art classes and workshops are starting this week – in DuVal Studio and virtual.
- *Summer camp registrations will open on Monday, February 6. We are excited to have camp kids in the building.
- *Outside exhibition: Dulles Airport has student artwork on display! MPA worked with Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority to put a selection of artwork that would have been at MPA ArtFest (which didn’t take place this year) into a display at the TSA pre-check security area of the airport. This selection of artwork was photographed by airport staff. If you are flying, it is in the TSA pre-check area! It is a nice exhibition of some of the talented kids in our community and we appreciate the cooperation of the teachers and students and families making that possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VERBAL: Governing Board Chair invited any individuals wishing to express verbal public comments to do so now on the Microsoft Teams connection. Three minutes would be allotted for each person, provided they first stated aloud their residential address so MCC staff could verify them as being a tax district resident.

None - NO members of the public were still present on Microsoft Teams virtual connection at this point.

WRITTEN - SUBMITTED DURING THIS MEETING: Alternatively, the public had opportunity to submit any written public comments via e-mail during the time when the “public comment” portion of this virtual meeting was live. All such written comments would be verified by MCC staff as coming from a Small District 1A-Dranesville resident.

There were NO such incoming e-mails received from the public during this meeting proceedings.



WRITTEN - RECEIVED IN ADVANCE:

Incoming written public comments received in the weeks since the last Governing Board meeting on December 7, 2022, are shown below:

1. Laura Schmidt

Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 10:35 AM

To: feedback@mcleancenter.org

Subject: Vote counting

I vehemently oppose the use of the League of Womens Voters to be assigned as vote counters in our elections. This must be addressed to ensure fairness and transparency and non partisan influence in election outcomes. I urge you to bring this to the forefront of your next meeting. Thank you.

Lifetime McLean Resident,
Laura Schmidt

2. Anita Reidy

-----Original Message-----

From: Cox <areidy@cox.net>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:02 PM

To: Novak, Holly R <Holly.Novak@fairfaxcounty.gov>

Subject: Re: Your "Project 1619" event

Thank you for the politically correct buzzwords & gibberish. You evidently have no problem with racist lies, as long as they are woke lies that allow you to virtue-signal.

Contemptible.

On Jan 23, 2023, at 12:44 PM, Novak, Holly R <Holly.Novak@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Reidy,

McLean Community Center (MCC) and the Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) offer a variety of programs of interest to our diverse community. For several years, The Alden and FCPL have partnered to present noted authors through MCC's Perspectives Speaker Series. This year, for Black History Month, we are partnering to bring Pulitzer Prize Winner Nikole Hannah-Jones, who will speak on her work on the 1619 Project. Admission to the event is free (registration is required) as are many MCC and FCPL events. This facilitates access for patrons who might otherwise be unable to attend due to financial limitations and is in line with Fairfax County's One Fairfax Policy and the MCC Governing Board's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and access.

Sincerely,

Holly Novak

Executive Assistant - McLean Community Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Cox <areidy@cox.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 2:31 PM

To: feedback@mcleancenter.org

Cc: ICE <dpmjar@aol.com>

Subject: Your "Project 1619" event

As I'm sure you know, this interpretation of the American founding is highly controversial, both historically and politically. Your better-educated residents know that this is woke pseudo-history, and we do not understand why you think you have a mandate to indoctrinate the gullible.

We strongly object to this use of our tax dollars. Unless you want to risk becoming a focus of local partisan animosity, you need to stick to aerobics and cooking classes. Kindly save your politics for the voting booth.

We would be interested to receive your reply.

Thanks,



Anita Reidy, McLean 22101

p.s. If you think it is appropriate for a community center to deal with public affairs/political topics, you at least have a duty to present all sides, e.g., "Project 1619, Pro and Con." Are you planning more controversial programs in the future?

3. April Georgelas

From: April <askapril@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Novak, Holly R <Holly.Novak@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: April <askapril@cox.net>
Subject: Re: MCC Board Meeting 1/25/23....Virtual Information

Holly.....

Thanks for sharing this meeting info. Was this part of your MCC Announcement ?
Voting on minutes is not the same as releasing and posting the Meeting Recording for Public Review asap after the Meetings.
Taxpayers enjoy transparency and I know the new Director is also endorsing this practice.
Please share this with her. There could be a vote on this public service at the Meeting....right ?

Committee meeting should also be Virtual or Hybrid for timely Public Observation.

Thanks.....April

On Jan 24, 2023, at 8:18 AM, Novak, Holly R <Holly.Novak@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:

Hello. We appreciate your interest in the MCC Governing Board meeting tomorrow evening. Meeting materials are shown on our website: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmcleancenter.org%2Fmeeting-materials%2F&data=05%7C01%7CHolly.novak%40fairfaxcounty.gov%7Ca4650c5078c94a2eb34108d4ef4daf96%7Ca26156cb5d6f41729d7d934eb0a7b275%7C0%7C0%7C638101906871905827%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Cx%2FpGO8ZNS7KUoaX1TQFzaTIFY7pviNluyHIAQsoeAI%3D&reserved=0>

Attached is the information for the link on Microsoft Teams. It also shows a phone number for connecting to the virtual meeting by phone.

Minutes and audio recording of January 25 meeting will be available to the public in late February after the board officially approves of 1/25 Minutes at its next meeting which will be on February 22. There is always a one-month span between when Minutes are produced and when they are approved for public release at the next following board meeting.

Sincerely,
Holly Novak. Executive Assistant - McLean Community Center

> -----Original Message-----

From: April <askapril@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 7:21 PM
To: feedback@mcleancenter.org
Cc: April <askapril@cox.net>
Subject: MCC Board Meeting 1/25/23....Virtual Information

Thank you for holding the MCC Board Meeting with a transparent virtual format.
This allows taxpaying Residents to also observe the Board Members at work and how their tax dollars are being used.

Is the information provided in newsletter sufficient for Residents to attend, or is a Link needed ?
Would you also provide phone contact information for those who want to listen to Meeting.

When will Meeting Recording be available and posted for Public Review ?

Thanks.....April Georgelas
McLean, VA 22101

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Zamora-Appel thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.
Respectfully submitted – Holly Novak, Executive Assistant