

## **McLean Community Center**

### **Frequently Asked Questions on the MCC Budget Process**

#### **What is MCC's Current Budget Year?**

McLean Community Center is an agency of Fairfax County Government. Fairfax County's fiscal years run from July 1, through June 30. MCC is currently in FY2025, which began on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025. The budget was adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on May 2024.

#### **How Is the MCC Budget Developed?**

The annual budget process begins in July for the following fiscal year. So, the FY2026 budget planning process began in July 2024. The MCC executive director and comptroller, in coordination with the center's program managers, meet to begin the planning process for the next year's budget.

Program managers for Special Events, Performing Arts, the Old Firehouse and the Instructional Program review their program budgets, evaluating how their areas performed financially over the previous two to three fiscal years. They will then present their recommendations for the coming fiscal year to the Executive Director and Comptroller. These recommendations will include new programming initiatives.

During the month of August, the executive director, comptroller and program managers work together to finalize the next year's proposed budget and prepare it for review by the Governing Board Finance Committee.

#### **When does the MCC Governing Board Review the Budget? What is the meeting of the whole?**

In early September, the MCC Governing Board Finance Committee will convene a meeting to review the proposed budget, ask questions, make adjustments and finalize the draft budget.

After the draft budget has been finalized by the Finance Committee it goes to a "meeting of the whole." The Meeting of the Whole is a work session with the full board in attendance where the board members consider proposals submitted through the various board committees: Programs and Outreach; Capital Facilities; Elections and Nominations and Finance. The proposed draft budget is

then voted on to be submitted to the Board and for the annual Budget Public Hearing, which is held at the start of the September Governing Board meeting.

After the Meeting of the Whole, the proposed draft adopted budget is posted on the MCC website. The proposed budget is approved at the October board meeting and submitted to Fairfax County, where the Board of Supervisors votes to adopt it in April or May.

The new budget will then begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **How can Dranesville District Residents Participate in the Budget Process?**

Residents are welcome to attend any and all MCC Governing Board meetings as all meetings are open to the public. MCC advertises the budget meetings and invites public participation. Residents can sign up to speak at any board meeting, but they can also submit questions, suggestions and comments through email at [feedback@mcleancenter.org](mailto:feedback@mcleancenter.org), or by mailing them into the center. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101.

### **Where can I find the Budget?**

The current budget is on the McLean Community Center's website ([www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)) on the homepage under What's New.

Here is a link to a video explaining how Fairfax County builds the Annual Budget:

[How Our Budget is Built in Fairfax County](#)

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