

**McLean Community Center
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
December 9, 2009**

Members Present: David Sanders, Chair; Kevin Dent, Vice Chair; Sean Dunn, Treasurer; Risa Sanders, Secretary; Susan Bourgeois; Lee DiCenso; Jennifer Dunn; Edward Shahin; and Lori Wertz

Members Absent: Drew Clark and Angela Wertz

Staff Present: Julie Rasmussen, Executive Director; Clare Kiley, Deputy Director; George Sachs, Intergenerational Programs; Barbara Webster, Acting Board Administrative Assistant; and Ellen Barial, new Board Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff, Office of County Supervisor John W. Foust; Bobbi Bowman, McLean resident; Nancy Perry and Karen DuVal, representatives of the McLean Project for the Arts, and Jennifer Levy and Terry Yates, representatives of the McLean Community Players.

Board Chair David Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

To accommodate Ms. Edmondson, the report of the Capital Facilities Committee was taken out of order, and was presented as the initial item on the Board of Governor's meeting agenda.

CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Kevin Dent, Chair)

MCC Gymnasium at Spring Hill Recreation Center

Mr. Dent reported on the history of the discussions that have taken place between the McLean Community Center (MCC) and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) regarding the construction of a gymnasium by MCC on FCPA property at the Springhill Recreation Center. Under the plan, FCPA would provide the land on which gymnasium would be built, while MCC would construct and operate the gymnasium. The latest draft of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was distributed in the board meeting materials, along with FCPA staff comments. Mr. Dent reported that the FCPA staff comments were not a part of the actual draft proposal. The Committee decided that it is appropriate to re-start negotiations with FCPA because the latest revised MOU draft from FCPA was less objectionable than earlier proposals – although a number of issues have not been resolved. Among other outstanding issues is MCC's view that, since tax dollars of the residents of Small District #1 would be used to construct the gymnasium, it would be built for use "by residents of Small District #1 of Dranesville, particularly, and

other Fairfax County residents.” While, the FCPA’s view is that since the gymnasium would be constructed on county property, the gymnasium would be constructed for use “by Fairfax County residents and, particularly, the residents of Small District #1 of Dranesville.”

Mr. Dent indicated that the Capital Facilities Committee members voted to reengage in negotiations of the MOU concerning a joint MCC – FCPA project to build a gymnasium at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, and presented the following motion from the committee:

Motion: That McLean Community Center reengage with the Fairfax County Park Authority in negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding for a gymnasium at the Springhill Recreation Center, and empowering the Capital Facilities Committee to lead the negotiations.

Decision: After debate by Board members and, as permitted by the Board, comments made by Ms. Edmondson on behalf of Supervisor Foust, Mr. Shahin moved to cut off discussion and bring the main motion to a vote. The motion carried by a 6-2 vote.

The main motion moved by the Capital Facilities Committee carried by a 6-2 vote.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt Agenda for the meeting carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chair recognized Ms. Perry from McLean Project for the Arts (MPA). Ms. Perry reported on the installation of acoustical panels in the art studio and thanked the Board. Ms Perry also acknowledged and thanked the Board for its vote to provide MPA with \$8,000 in funding.

The Chair recognized Ms. Levy from McLean Community Players (MCP). As outgoing president of MCP, Ms. Levy introduced Ms. Yates who will be the new president of MCP. Ms. Levy also gave a brief report on MCP’s interest in being a part of the new downtown facility.

CHAIRMANS’S REPORT (Dave Sanders)

Mr. Sanders gave a status report on discussions with developers regarding the proposed downtown facility. Mr. Dent is to meet with developer Bob Montgomery to obtain updated information on costs.

In addition, Mr. Montgomery will identify someone who can provide estimates of the costs associated with MCC involvement in the proposed downtown development. Mr.

Montgomery will pay for the cost of obtaining the estimates. Mr. Montgomery may be asked to attend the next meeting of the Capital Facilities Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (David Sanders, Chair)

Mr. Sanders turned to the topic of the \$8,000 to be paid to the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA). Mr. Sanders reported on the Executive Committee's concerns about the Board's decision at the October 28, 2009 Board meeting to fund MPA's Artfest project in the amount of \$8,000 (which had not yet been paid). The Executive Committee took the position that the Board's decision to fund the Artfest project was done in the way that is outside of the MOU between MCC and Fairfax County. The Committee also took the position that decisions to spend MCC money should usually go through the committee process except under certain circumstances.

To address those issues, the Executive Committee presented two motions for action by the full Board as shown below.

Motion: That any decisions to expend funds, except in the case of time sensitive matters or the expenditure of nominal amounts, should be advanced through the committee process prior to presentation to the Governing Board.

Decision: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: That the Governing Board revisit the decision to fund the \$8,000 amount decided at the Board meeting of October 28 in light of item C.5 of the MOU.

The Board debated the motion at length, including a suggestion that the Board seek legal advice on the issue from the Fairfax County Attorney. Ms. Perry was permitted by the Chair to comment on the pending motion on behalf of the MPA. A vote on the motion as presented was taken.

Decision: The motion failed on a 3-4 vote (one abstention).

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Sean Dunn, Chair)

No new business to report.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Lee DiCenso, Chair)

Ms. DiCenso reported on the status of the survey to be undertaken by MCC through George Mason University. Ms. DiCenso reported that the survey had incorporated questions submitted by Board committees. After getting comments and input from the

Board, Ms. DiCenso reported that the Program Committee will go forward and send survey information to Dr. James Witte at George Mason University.

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING COMMITTEE (Drew Clark, Chair)

Mr. Clark was not present at the meeting, but did send minutes of the Committee's last meeting. Ms. Sanders, a member of the Committee, reported that the primary issue of the meeting was work on survey questions.

Ms. Kiley also reported on the status of setting up Board member email accounts through MCC's website, and reported that additional information will be provided.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (Risa Sanders, Chair)

Ms. Sanders reported on the planned meeting with Supervisor Foust to discuss his concerns regarding eligibility for election to, and or voting for, ten members of the Governing Board. The meeting was set and then canceled. The meeting will be re-set, but not in time for the next Board meeting.

LIAISON TO FRIENDS OF MCC (Ed Shahin, Board Rep)

Mr. Shahin reported on the success of the dance hosted by MCC and supported by the Friends of MCC.

LIAISON TO SENIORS (Ed Shahin, Board Rep)

Mr. Shahin reported that the term "active adults" has replaced the term "seniors" for future reference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Rasmussen reported on the growing attendance at various events sponsored by MCC, noting that some events sell out. Ms. Rasmussen acknowledged that she would follow up on the issue raised by Ms. Sanders regarding clarifying miscommunication regarding children's productions.

Ms. Kiley also reported on the continuation of various website issues, such as storing patron data and related issues.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Wertz presented the following motion:

Motion: Move to put on hold disbursement of \$8,000 to the McLean Project for the Arts or to any other nonprofit pending the opinion of County Attorney.

The vote failed for lack of a second.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Risa E. Sanders
Secretary