

McLean Community Center
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2009 BUDGET
September 26, 2007
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA 22101

Board Present: David Sanders, Treasurer, presiding; Sean Dunn, Chair; Katherine Armstrong, Jan Auerbach, Drew Clark, Kevin Dent, Nyka Feldman, Charisse McElroy, Ed Shahin

Staff Present: Michael Cadwallader, Executive Director; Clare Kiley, Deputy Director; Carol Pardon, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: John Walsh, 703-893-3610, 8800 Prestwold Place, McLean 22102
McLean Drama Co (MDC): Rachael Bail, 703-893-8625, 7033 Elizabeth Drive, McLean 22102
MDC: Susan Baumel, 703-761-7944, 3403 Lakeside View Dr., Falls Church 22041
McLean Youth Athletics (MYA): Joel Stillman, 703-356-4820, Vienna, VA 22182
MYA: John Micocci, 703-237-3554, 6465 N. Rochester, Falls Church 22043
McLean Project for the Arts (MPA): Nancy Perry
Casey Hanes representing Office of the Dranesville Supervisor
David Patten, 1229 Ingleside Ave., McLean 22101

Convened: 7:35 p.m.

- **John Walsh** said the County's tax assessment on his house has risen by a factor of 2.60, which was reduced to a factor of 1.88 when the Board of Supervisors reduced the tax rate by 28%. He claimed that the Board of the MCC has raised its tax rate by 3.7%, so that his payment has gone up by a factor of 2.69. He said there are two and a half years of taxes in the MCC's budget surplus which the Board says will be used for expanding facilities. The usual way to pay for this is with a bond. He said others are now suggesting uses for the "massive surplus." He said the MCC's Program Guide is produced on slick paper and uses color, and held up an example of a registration guide printed on (presumably cheaper) newsprint. He said that in the MCC's latest version of the budget, expenditures do not match up with revenues. He provided three options for reducing the tax rate, with his preferred option being a rate of 1.5 cents per \$100 [of assessed real estate value].
- **Rachael Bail**, President of the McLean Drama Company, thanked the Board for reducing the tax rate. She said she wants more details on disbursements in the budget; for example, personnel. [After the public hearing she was given a folder that contained all of the committee reports on the budget, including budget spreadsheets by program area.] She said that MDC now has a Web site: www.mcleandramacompany.org. **Susan Baumel**, MDC's Vice President, asked if the MDC's Web site could get a link from the MCC's Web site. Cadwallader said he would take care of it.
- **Joel Stillman**, President of McLean Youth Athletics, said he wants the Governing Board to open up a dialog about what the MCC can do with MYA to improve and foster recreational activities for youth. He and **John Micocci**, who heads MYA Basketball, were asked to hold their remarks for the "Citizen Comment" portion of the regular Board meeting following the Public Hearing.

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.