2021-2022 MCC Governing Board – Final Meeting  
2022-2023 MCC Governing Board – First Meeting  
June 8, 2022  6:30 p.m.  

MINUTES

Board Members present: (all): Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Bill Glikbarg; Rasheq Rahman; Carla Post; Melanie Sletten; Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Shivani Saboo; Suzanne Le Menestrel; Ivy Chen; Max Blacksten

MCC Staff present: Daniel Singh, Executive Director; Holly Novak; Sarah Schallern Treff; Catherine Nesbitt

Guests: Supervisor John Foust; Anna Bartosiewicz; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian; Charlotte Loving; Sarah Tran; Homa Etemad; Mehrdad Etemad; Ruhana Hafiz; John Blacksten; Debbie Blacksten; Michael Apicelli; Paul Kohlenberger

CONVENE MEETING

Chair Zamora-Appel convened the final meeting of the 2021-2022 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center on June 8, 2022, at 6:35 p.m. This meeting was open to the public attending in-person. It was tape-recorded and a courtesy verbal announcement about audio recording was stated by the Chair. The audio recording will be made available to the public once Minutes are approved at the next upcoming Governing Board meeting – July 27, 2022.

ADOPT AGENDA

No changes were requested to the proposed Agenda; it was adopted by acclamation.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of May 25, 2022, Regular Meeting were reviewed. No changes were requested; accepted as written.

MOTION: To approve Minutes of May 25, 2022, Regular Meeting.  
Approved by a vote of 11:  
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Bill Glikbarg; Carla Post; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Shivani Saboo, Suzanne Le Menestrel; Ivy Chen; Max Blacksten – all voting “AYE.”

Minutes of May 31, 2022, Special Called Meeting were reviewed. No changes were requested; accepted as written.

MOTION: To approve Minutes of May 31, 2022, Special Called Meeting.  
Approved by a vote of 11:  
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Bill Glikbarg; Suzanne Le Menestrel; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Maria Foderaro-Guertin; Shivani Saboo; Carla Post; Ivy Chen; Max Blacksten – all voting “AYE.”

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Carla Post 2019-2020 = Capital Facilities Committee; Programs & Outreach Committee  
2020-2021 = Board Vice-Chair; Capital Facilities Committee – Chair; Programs & Outreach Committee;  
Ad hoc COVID-19 Response Committee – Chair  
2021-2022 = Board Vice-Chair; Capital Facilities Committee – Chair; Programs & Outreach Committee;  
Ad hoc 50th Anniversary Committee

Maria Foderaro-Guertin 2019-2020 = Elections & Nominations Committee; Programs & Outreach Committee
2020-2021 = **Board Secretary;** Programs & Outreach Committee - Chair;  
*Ad hoc* COVID-19 Response Committee; Elections & Nominations Committee  
2021-2022 = **Board Secretary;** Elections & Nominations Committee – Chair

**Suzanne Le Menestrel**  
2019-2020 = Elections & Nominations Committee; Programs & Outreach Committee  
2020-2021 = **Board Chair; Ad hoc COVID-19 Response Committee**  
2021-2022 = Finance Committee; Programs & Outreach Committee - Chair

**Ivy Chen** serving two terms: 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 **Youth – representing Langley H.S.**  
Finance Committee; Elections & Nominations Committee; *Ad hoc* 50th Anniversary Committee

**Max Blacksten** 2021-2022 = **Youth – representing McLean H.S.**  
Finance Committee; Programs & Outreach Committee

Chair Zamora-Appel shared congratulatory remarks about each board member concluding their term of service. She presented recognition gifts of a lovely pewter cup engraved for each person. A gift (decorative table pedestal for artwork) was presented to Ms. Zamora-Appel in thanks for her efforts as 2021-2022 Governing Board Chair.

**ADJOURN FINAL MEETING OF 2021–2022 GOVERNING BOARD**  
Chair Zamora-Appel accepted a MOTION to adjourn this final meeting of 2021-2022 Governing Board. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Executive Director Singh welcomed family and friends of the newly-elected board members who were present to support and enjoy this happy occasion! He proceeded to introduce Supervisor John Foust to conduct the pledge ceremony:

Supervisor Foust is currently serving his fourth four-year term on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors where he represents the Dranesville District. He is chairman of the Board’s Housing and Economic Initiatives Committees, and vice-chairman of the Board’s Budget and Health and Human Services Committees. John is also Chairman of the County’s Economic Advisory Commission.

John is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Council of the Virginia Initiative for Growth and Opportunity. He represents Fairfax County on several county and regional boards and commissions including the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District Commission, the Mosaic Community Development Authority, and the Phase I and Phase II Dulles Rail Transportation Improvement District Commissions.

Before joining the Board of Supervisors, John practiced law in Northern Virginia and was active in several civic associations and advisory boards including the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council, the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee, and the Boy Scouts of America. John has a degree in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, an MBA degree from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and a law degree, with Honors, from George Washington University.

**PLEDGE CEREMONY – INSTALLATION OF 2022–2023 GOVERNING BOARD**  
Individuals elected at McLean Day and those continuing on from the previous board stood to affirm the following pledge led by Supervisor Foust – being officially installed as the 2022-2023 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center.

**McLean Community Center**  
**2022–2023 Governing Board Members Annual Pledge**

As an MCC Governing Board Member, I Pledge to:

- Support the mission of the McLean Community Center:  
  To provide a sense of community by undertaking programs; assisting community organizations; and furnishing facilities for civic, cultural, educational, recreational and social activities apportioned fairly to all residents of Small District 1A, Dranesville.

- Comply with the Code of Conduct.
Hello Guests, fellow continuing board members, new board members, MCC staff and the public. My name is Rasheq Rahman and I am running to be the next Vice-Chair of the McLean Community Center Governing Board. While many in the room have gotten to know me during my first year of service, please allow me a little more time to reintroduce myself. As a McLean resident for more than 25 years, I am at heart an entrepreneur and technologist, whether that’s the latest gadgets and new ways of parenting at home, leading an energy startup, and, as of this year, participating in summer camps and other activities here at the MCC.

Over the past year at the MCC, I’ve collaborated with many of you both on the board and from the public to secure new spaces for MCC activities in McLean Central Park, transition the MCC Board to Fairfax County IT infrastructure, partner with Daniel and the MCC team to host an interfaith iftaar and work with all on improving sustainability — financial, environmental and programmatic — through new investments, initiatives, and governance approaches. This is in my DNA and how I take on new life, work and public service challenges.

I was elected to the board in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic began to change our lives. That first year I was elected Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. I worked closely with the MCC staff and board members to oversee the annual budget and understand expenditures. In my second year on the MCC Board, I was elected Chair, and with the uncertainty of the pandemic, community feedback, new Executive Director, and changing dynamics, I faced numerous challenges and sought guidance from fellow board members, former MCC board members and county officials to better understand the mechanics of the MCC Board, the staff and the public. This and the process of the strategic plan, show that we have a great opportunity to grow with the McLean community, with the new board, and staff — to effectively serve the McLean community. With your support, I promise to you that we will continue to be transparent, we will listen to the community, and we will continue to advance the mission of the MCC. Thank you.

Votes FOR Barbara Zamora-Appel as Chair: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Anna Bartosiewicz; Ari Ghasemian; Kristina Groennings; Bill Glikbarg; Charlotte Loving; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran.

Barbara Zamora-Appel was unanimously elected as 2022-2023 Governing Board Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As newly-elected Board Chair, Ms. Zamora-Appel assumed leadership of the meeting and proceeded to conduct the election for the remaining officer positions: Vice-Chair; Secretary; Treasurer.

VICE-CHAIR: Rasheq Rahman had nominated himself for this position. The floor was opened for other self-nominations; there were none. Mr. Rahman shared his personal statement:

Hello Guests, fellow continuing board members, new board members, MCC staff and the public. My name is Rasheq Rahman and I am running to be the next Vice-Chair of the McLean Community Center Governing Board. While many in the room have gotten to know me during my first year of service, please allow me a little more time to reintroduce myself. As a McLean resident for more than 25 years, I am at heart an entrepreneur and technologist, whether that’s the latest gadgets and new ways of parenting at home, leading an energy startup, and, as of this week, bringing new commercial innovations to the U.S. government, I each change for breakfast.

Over the past year at the MCC, I’ve collaborated with many of you both on the board and from the public to secure new spaces for MCC activities in McLean Central Park, transition the MCC Board to Fairfax County IT infrastructure, partner with Daniel and the MCC team to host an interfaith iftaar and work with all on improving sustainability — financial, environmental and programmatic — through new investments, initiatives, and governance approaches. This is in my DNA and how I take on new life, work and public service challenges.

Support the executive director in his/her executive role.
Respect and support the MOU, Policies, Operations, and Board decisions.
Conduct myself in a spirit of collegiality and respect for the collective decisions of the Board and subordinate my personal preferences to the best interests of the MCC.
Honor confidentiality regarding discussions, comments, and deliberations.
Comply with laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act as it applies to the Governing Board.
Exercise the above responsibilities at all times in a reasonable and prudent manner.

CONVENE FIRST MEETING OF 2022-2023 GOVERNING BOARD

Treasurer Saboo assumed leadership of the meeting and stated aloud a MOTION to convene the first meeting of the 2022-2023 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center at 6:47 p.m.

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Treasurer Saboo proceeded to conduct the election for Board Chair. She stated that all board members are eligible for the position, including those newly-elected.

CHAIR: Barbara Zamora-Appel had nominated herself for this position. The floor was opened for other self-nominations; there were none. Ms. Zamora-Appel shared her personal statement:

My name is Barbara Zamora-Appel and my family and I have been in McLean for 4 1/2 years. My children are in elementary school and have participated in summer camps and other activities here at the MCC. I’m interested in serving as Chair of the MCC Governing Board for the 2022-2023 fiscal year - to run again. I was elected to the board in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic began to change our lives. That first year I was elected Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. I worked closely with the MCC staff and board members to oversee the annual budget and understand expenditures. In my second year on the MCC Board, I was elected Chair, and with the uncertainty of the pandemic, community feedback, new Executive Director, and changing dynamics, I faced numerous challenges and sought guidance from fellow board members, former MCC board members and county officials to better understand the mechanics of the MCC Board, the staff and the public. This and the process of the strategic plan, show that we have a great opportunity to grow with the McLean community, with the new board, and staff – to effectively serve the McLean community. With your support, I promise to you that we will continue to be transparent, we will listen to the community, and we will continue to advance the mission of the MCC. Thank you.

Votes FOR Barbara Zamora-Appel as Chair: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Anna Bartosiewicz; Ari Ghasemian; Kristina Groennings; Bill Glikbarg; Charlotte Loving; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran.

Barbara Zamora-Appel was unanimously elected as 2022-2023 Governing Board Chair.
As your Vice-Chair, my focus is on continuing the work above while addressing new opportunities and challenges as the environment in which we operate evolves. The MCC board is in the midst of an exercise in strategizing its future. Together as we approach our 50th anniversary, we can lay the groundwork for sustainable progress in a changing McLean community.

I plan to partner with Barbara Zamora-Appel as our Chair and the rest of the Executive Committee and board members to provide insight and leadership driven by facts and empathy to preserve the best practices learned over the past half-century while helping to create an environment to experiment and innovate. In doing so, I believe we will build a culture of excellence where Daniel and the MCC staff can continue to delight, inform and inspire MCC’s patrons, young and old. This is a role that I relish and have played in other non-profit boards where I’ve led and in global organizations where I’ve served. In closing having immersed myself in the work of this center for the past year, I am excited to take on this leadership role, and I’m grateful for your support. Thank you!

Votes FOR Rasheq Rahman as Vice-Chair: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Anna Bartosiewicz; Ari Ghasemian; Kristina Groennings; Bill Glikbarg; Charlotte Loving; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran.

Rasheq Rahman was unanimously elected as 2022-2023 Governing Board Vice-Chair.

SECRETARY: Kristina Groennings nominated herself as Secretary. The floor was opened for other self-nominations; there were none. Ms. Groennings shared her personal statement:

I decided to do this about 10 minutes ago! Everybody knows that I love the Community Center and I was born and raised within a mile from here as a kid. It looks a little bit different now but it’s still the same vibe. Why me for Secretary? Well, I’ve been a lawyer since 2005, so I think that’s a natural fit. I’m good with words; I’m good with memorializing words; I’m good with interpreting words. And I’m also… I think important for this board and institution… I’m good with negotiating and achieving compromises, and then messaging those compromises in those words. It’s really an honor – thank you guys so much. It’s great to be part of such esteemed leadership of this board. Thank you, Barbara. And I look forward to serving.

Votes FOR Kristina Groennings as Secretary: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Anna Bartosiewicz; Ari Ghasemian; Kristina Groennings; Bill Glikbarg; Charlotte Loving; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran.

Kristina Groennings was unanimously elected as 2022-2023 Governing Board Secretary

TREASURER: Shivani Saboo had nominated herself for Treasurer. The floor was opened for other self-nominations; there were none. Ms. Saboo gave her personal statement:

Hi everyone – my name is Shivani. I joined the board last year where I was Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. I really enjoyed my experience working with the board, as well as with Daniel, our Executive Director and Ashok, our Comptroller, and I’m hoping I can do an even better job in this role this coming year. For those of you who don’t know me, I have lived my whole life in McLean. I graduated from McLean High School in 2016. I used to come to McLean Community Center as a kid and attended Camp McLean. Being able to serve and be part of MCC from the other side of the table has been a really amazing experience! And I’m really excited to continue that next year. Thank you.

Votes FOR Shivani Saboo as Treasurer: Barbara Zamora-Appel; Anna Bartosiewicz; Ari Ghasemian; Kristina Groennings; Bill Glikbarg; Charlotte Loving; Lisa Mariam; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Melanie Sletten; Sarah Tran.

Shivani Saboo was unanimously elected as 2022-2023 Governing Board Treasurer.

STRATEGIC PLAN – UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Director Singh explained current progress on the strategic plan.

The board has given feedback to AMS; Michele Walter is creating surveys to correspond. Publicity has begun for July 6 Public Hearing: ads in local newspapers and social media starting soon. We are also sharing the document with a long list of partners: FCPA, MCA, civic groups. 2021-2022 Governing Board devoted extensive time to reviewing and monitoring emerging development of the strategic plan into its current form. This effort was initiated almost one year ago, with robust participation throughout by the Governing Board, community, and MCC staff.

Public Hearing – Wednesday, July 6 6:30 p.m. Public will attend in-person and give feedback. AMS will give the updated version to the board on July 8. The board will ‘workshop’ the plan together with MCC staff on July 13.

Board & Staff workshop – Wednesday, July 13 6:30 p.m. Hopefully, a final vote will be taken that evening. Friends of MCC is one of the partner groups that will receive the DRAFT plan; Rasheq Rahman will follow-up with them.
REMARKS BY BOARD CHAIR  Chair Zamora-Appel shared her perspective about 2022-2023 Governing Board term.

Thank you very much for supporting me as chair this year, for a second term. As we start this new term, I want to make clear that although I am continuing my role as chair, I will strive to set a different tone for the Board, the MCC, and our relationship with the community and staff, starting today. We have a strategic plan in development that talks about what we want to achieve as a community center. I want to take just a few minutes to talk two aspects of how we will mobilize to do this. These topics are: (1) open engagement with our community, and (2) excellence and continuous improvement in management and fiscal responsibility.

First, we are a community center. We need to engage with our community. We need to have open discussion and be transparent about our decisions. We may not always agree on everything, but we can certainly talk about things. We have nothing to hide. In the past year, I’ve heard a lot of mention of FOIA –Freedom of Information Act. I am a huge supporter of freedom of information. If a community member asks for information that would be helpful to them, we should make every effort provide it. We are not a fortune 500 company, guarding large amounts of confidential information, requiring all kinds of deliberation about what to share and what not to share. We are a community center. If a community member asks us how much a program costs, and we know the answer, we should tell them the answer. We should not say: “You can FOIA us to get that information.” We should not take weeks or months to answer a question to which there is a factual answer. We should answer the question as promptly as possible and move on. Yes, there are some topics – such as personnel matters – that are confidential in nature. But those are the exception, rather than the rule. If a reporter would like my perspective on something and I can comfortably answer that question, I don’t want to spend days on internal discussions about our answer and then read in the paper that: “…Zamora-Appel did not return our request for comment.” We are not some global enterprise getting inundated with requests from news organizations – we are a local community center. We need to be timely and complete in responding to the public and the press, because again, we have nothing to hide.

I have made an effort, particularly in the last three months, to reach out to a broad cross section of community members and organizations, including several former board chairs of the MCC Governing Board, and I sat down with them to learn more about their thoughts on the MCC. I came away from these discussions feeling even better about this wonderful community of McLean and what the MCC and its community members can do in partnership to bring cultural, recreational, artistic, and civic events to our community. I have heard about the immense local talent we have in McLean that is striving for more opportunity to use MCC as a stage to perform for our own community. I encourage every board member to engage with community organizations and send a clear signal that we want to hear from them, and that we value their ideas.

The second area I want to discuss: excellence and continuous management of fiscal responsibility. Many of us have read articles online, especially one last month, indicating that the staff felt overworked amidst staff vacancies. Some of us read this and found it confusing – our payroll expenditure is higher than it has ever been, we have only one vacancy among full time positions, and most of the part time positions that are not filled are for seasonal activities that have ramped up during COVID. We treasure the staff of the MCC – they are one of the most creative teams that we’ve worked with. We have no intention of asking the staff to work more than a full-time work week, so this means that we need to prioritize activities that add the most value for our community and continue to seek better ways to do things. If the staff feels that they don’t have enough hours, we need to understand what is taking time now that didn’t take so much time before. For example, we understand that it takes several days to prepare the Minutes for Board meetings. We also know that, unlike standard practice for Fairfax County boards and commissions about preparing minutes as a meeting summary, MCC minutes are prepared as full transcript, requiring many hours of staff time to prepare. As a small entity, we simply cannot afford to spend so much staff time on this activity when there is so much else to be done – and we must change this immediately.

In my discussions with past Board Members, I have learned about effective ways that past boards built a stronger dialogue with individual MCC department heads about the management of MCC functions. Past boards had regular board updates with department leaders. I want to express my thanks to these past boards who have worked with the staff to build what we have. And I also want to respect the efforts by ensuring that we learn from what they have done. If they had management tools, utilization metrics, standard operating procedures, and other tools that worked well, we should build on what has worked.

Just as past boards have done, we need to build a stronger dialogue between our MCC staff and our board. Many of us on the board have ourselves worked as management or staff in corporations and organizations – including some very large ones – in which we worked with Boards of Directors. We know the challenges of managing an entity while at the same time working with board direction. We have seen what has worked and what has not. But what I believe that we have all seen is that the best boards make sound data-driven decisions based on open dialogue with their staff, including individual functional leaders, who can personally brief the board on what is going on in their area. Open and respectful discussions is what we need. Are we always going to agree with every staff member on every decision? No. But we are going to engage in substantive discussions with our staff about decisions that matter to our community. We welcome a broad range of perspectives from board members and staff members. We will get the facts on the table, discuss, make a decision, ensure we execute that decision, and move on. We are the MCC Governing Board — if there is something that can be improved on how the MCC programs, how we manage our Center, or our budget, how we communicate — we should not shy away from weighing in. This Board represents hundreds of years of management experience across financial, capital, legal, programmatic, arts, event planning, technology and other issues. Our board members have managed major functions across private companies, governmental institutions, and non-profit organizations, large and small. We should not hesitate to leverage this experience to continue to make the MCC the best that it can possibly be. We will be more proactive and more engaged. I have never been more optimistic about what the MCC can do moving forward, and I am thrilled to be part of this team that is so energized to make it happen. Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Procedure: The Board Chair invited the public to introduce themselves and give verbal remarks if they wished. Some had requested in advance to speak. Those individuals were pre-verified as being a Small District 1A-Dranesville resident. Incoming letters are documented the same way – as being from a verified Small District 1A-Dranesville resident. MCC staff accesses the residential address database to provide this verification. Additional attendees tonight may request to speak provided they first state their residential address for verification as being tax district resident. Each person was allotted three minutes to speak.

1. Dr. Suzanne Le Menestrel
   
   My name is Dr. Suzanne Le Menestrel and I’m a developmental scientist with expertise in child and adolescent development and a former MCC Governing Board member and past board Chair. First, congratulations to the newly-elected board members; and thank you to my fellow past board members for your service to our community. I’d also like to thank Barbara Zamora-Appel for the tireless hours that she spent chairing the board this past year. Thank you to Daniel and this very talented team of staff, and Holly Novak for herding all the cats!

   This past year has been a very difficult one: we had COVID-19; losing loved ones; war; violence; and listening every month for the past year to members of my own community (although a very tiny slice of my community) make the most painful, homophobic, offensive, and anti-scientific statements that I’ve heard. I’m here as a scientist, a former board member, a sister, and friend, neighbor, co-worker of individuals who are LGTBQ+… and as a member of the community – to say a few things:

   1. There is no scientific evidence to indicate that children whose parents brought them to a story hour in which Drag performers read them children’s stories will be harmed. On the contrary, scientific evidence does support that children learn empathy through stories… through adults modeling and expressing understanding character of individuals from very different backgrounds than their own… and through parents expanding their children’s circle of care and concern.

   2. I strongly support the One Fairfax policy, the MCC Governing Board’s DEIA statement and I urge the board to continue forward on the path to inclusive, welcoming entertainment and special events that reflect the rich diversity of our community, the county, and our country. The MCC should be a place of empathy, safety, caring, and inclusiveness.

   3. The climate crisis is real and it’s widespread; it’s intensifying and it is scary. I urge the MCC board to do everything in its power to ensure that the MCC facility is reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and supports clean energy, renewable energy and increasing the energy efficiency of its buildings. I urge the new Governing Board to lead by example: Falls Church Community Center has four EV charging stations that are free-of-charge to anyone. We are one of the richest communities in the nation and we can do better. Thank you.

2. Ruhana Hafiz
   
   Good evening, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. My name is Ruhana Hafiz and I’m a federal employee. I have been working for the FBI for the last 12 years. I live in McLean and my husband is Rasheq Rahman (current MCC Governing Board member). Thank you, Rasheq, for your service. I have a couple of comments:

   Barbara – you mentioned that if the public has any question or query to which the board may be able to provide a factual answer, it should not take months and weeks to get back to them. So, I don’t know if there hasn’t been questions or criticisms in the past to which the board may be able to provide some answers… and it hasn’t? Or if there is a timeline for those questions? My comment on that is: instead of having the public ask the board and the staff questions that are relevant to the programming and budget, can you think about information to push out proactively that can help community learn and understand the board better? I try to be
a conscious citizen and try to read the numbers and all of that. But I don’t understand very well the strategy of the board, or what it is trying to achieve when I look at some of the hard numbers. Many of us track those numbers… which leads me to a second point:

As a mom of young children, how I stimulate them and how to entertain them during the long months of summer is a priority. And every year when I look at the MCC’s offerings for camps and classes, it’s usually more expensive than some of the other options I’ve considered. This year, I was supposed to put my children in the Fairfax Co. offerings and others. And the difference is significant for children who go to camps for more than 2-3-4-5 weeks. And I’ve been tracking this for years. So, I really would like to propose that you look at the offerings for programs and events – both for seniors, adults, and children. I understand this is an expensive area; but things don’t have to be quite on that scale. So, I urge the board to look into the programming costs. Thank you.

Chair Zamora-Appel thanked those who contributed public comments: We thank the members of the public for contributing their feedback this evening. The MCC Governing Board takes your suggestions very seriously. You are welcome to attend our meetings. All MCC Governing Board meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the website. We have strict county regulations and stringent oversight of our work in all areas, and we work hard to meet this need and be responsible to our taxpayers. We are committed to transparency and make the process open to the public. We welcome you back to future events at the McLean Community Center so you will see the value of your tax dollars at work.

The following public comments by Small District 1A-Dranesville residents were submitted in writing in advance of this meeting.

I. Catherine Trauernicht  
   FOIA request was initiated on 5/27/22 (VFOIA-61754)
   From: Anwah, Sabrina <Sabrina.Anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov>
   Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 3:18 PM
   To: cwtrau@verizon.net
   Subject: RE: MCC Governing Board Election Request
   Ms. Trauernicht,
   Please send an email to FOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-3187 for more information.

   Thank you,
   Sabrina

   From: cwtrau@verizon.net <cwtrau@verizon.net>
   Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 1:48 PM
   To: Anwah, Sabrina <Sabrina.Anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov>
   Subject: Re: MCC Governing Board Election Request

   Thank you for your response, Sabrina.
   To make this process as efficient as possible, to whom do I submit my FOIA request? Because I am seeking materials possessed by the McLean Community Center, do I address my request to the MCC?
   Do you have a link to the FOIA form?
   Cathy

   On Thursday, May 26, 2022, 1:16 PM, Anwah, Sabrina <Sabrina.Anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:
   Dear Ms. Trauernicht,
   Thank you for your public comment at last night’s Governing Board meeting. After receiving your initial request, we reached out to Fairfax County officials for guidance, which we only received late yesterday.

   Please submit a FOIA request for the information you are seeking to the Office of Public Affairs. The process is outlined on the County’s website, here: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) | Public Affairs (fairfaxcounty.gov). Once the request is received by our agency, we will contact you with next steps.
CLOSED SESSION
Chair Zamora-Appel announced that the public segment of this meeting was now concluded. She transitioned into “Closed Session” by reading following MOTION aloud; it was seconded. Then a vote was taken to approve the MOTION.

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, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the McLean Community Center Governing Board. The subject matter to be discussed and considered is the job performance of a specific member of the McLean Community Center staff.

Vote to go into “Closed Session”: Approved by a vote of 11
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Bill Glikbarg; Rasheq Rahman; Melanie Sletten; Shivani Saboo; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian; Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving; Sarah Tran - all voting “AYE.”

After the MOTION was stated aloud and voted on, all members of the public and MCC staff were asked to now please exit the room. Only MCC Governing Board members remained in the room.

Closed Session began at 7:15 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 8:22 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION
The Board Chair announced that the public and MCC staff were now welcome to return. The cleansing MOTION to reconvene into Public Session was stated aloud by the Board Chair 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 the public business subject matter as identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened was heard, discussed, or considered in Closed Session.

Vote to come out of “Closed Session”: Approved by a vote of 11
Barbara Zamora-Appel; Lisa Mariam; Bill Glikbarg; Melanie Sletten; Rasheq Rahman; Shivani Saboo; Kristina Groennings; Ari Ghasemian; Anna Bartosiewicz; Charlotte Loving; Sarah Tran – all voting “AYE.”

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Zamora-Appel asked for a MOTION to adjourn the meeting; it was affirmed. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.
Respectfully submitted – Holly Novak, Executive Assistant