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October Program: Roads and Public Transit: What Can Really Be Done?

by Byron Bloch, MCCF Transportation Chairman

Our October meeting will feature a presentation and discussion of roads and public transit in Montgomery County by key members of the county government who are considered the decision-makers and those most knowledgeable about these issues. Councilwoman Nancy Floreen, Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee will participate along with officials from the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

Topics to be covered include: details of the new "Montgomery County 10-Year Transportation Plan"; will the ICC proceed, and what will its full impact be; what roads will be improved and added over the next 2-to-5 years; what share of the cost of new roads developers pick up; why aren't all new developments required to link to public transit; are we doomed to overcrowding and incessant traffic jams, or is there a way to grow that includes built-in public transit; what about sidewalks and bike paths so our kids and all of us can safely walk or bike to school and elsewhere; how do citizens make their voices heard on transportation issues and needs? A question and answer period will follow the presentations. The public is invited and delegates are encouraged to get out the word about this program to members of their organizations.

Steve Kanstoroom to Receive

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Got Questions for the Next County Executive?

Join the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County

for a Candidates Debate between

Ike Leggett - Chuck Floyd - Robin Ficker

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Theater Arts Building, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

Moderator: Ken Muir of Montgomery Comm. TV MCCFis a co-sponsor for this event. For more information contact the LWVMC at

301-984-9585 or lwvmc@erols.com

Community Hero Award

by MCCF President, Wayne Goldstein

This month, we recognize an exceptional community activist, Steve Kanstoroom. Steve's professional background is in security. He made a living for a number of years creating and implementing pattern recognition designs for the Department of Justice that were later used to successfully detect and prevent fraudulent activity aimed at some of the largest bank card operations in the U.S. This work is also used to provide greater security at U.S. points of entry. Steve was able to take a very early retirement, but he has found that retirement has been much harder work for him then running a business.

When Hurricane Isabel caused storm damage to his Oxford, Md. home in 2003, Steve, after having problems with his claim, began an investigation of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and focused his expertise toward finding the root cause of the problems within the insurance policy and claims handling practices of the NFIP. Based largely upon his findings, there have been Congressional hearings into the NFIP, and a directive that the FEMA review more than 24,000 flood claims - the largest such event in FEMA's history. In addition to spending 6,000 hours, since December 2003,

investigating the national pattern of the underpayment of flood insurance claims, Steve has spent hundreds of hours since this past January trying to get half-a-dozen Montgomery County or state agencies to protect his property by enforcing laws that are supposed to prevent illegal tree cutting, illegal forest clearing, and illegal dumping. Steve has also spent thousands of dollars to provide truly incontrovertible evidence, such as expensive aerial photos, to support his claims, yet some of these agencies continue to be "confused" as to what the facts are. He was instrumental in getting legislation passed that will now protect everyone in this county from the negative impact of accessory buildings that are larger than the main structure. He is now working to prove that county agencies have misinterpreted key provisions of the county's Forest Conservation Law that should provide protection for all specimen and champion trees on any property of any size in the county.

In giving Steve this well-deserved recognition, I know that his determination to right wrongs for tens of thousands of victims on a national level will continue to help right wrongs in our county. We are very lucky to have him living in our county and in our country.

For his determination to protect forests and to demand that our county agencies responsible for environmental protection enforce existing laws and not be apologists for lawbreakers, and for helping others around the county to protect their community forests and champion/specimen trees, MCCF gives the October Community Hero Award to Steve Kanstoroom.

In Memoriam: Charles Pritchard, 1913-2006

by Wayne Goldstein, MCCF President

This month we mourn the loss of our remarkable colleague, Charles Pritchard, and his dedication to numerous causes important to both himself and to our community.

Charlie was a seemingly unlikely combination of a retired military man who never lost interest in security matters as well as an environmental activist who helped build park trails, clear away invasive plants and advocate for the protection of the Northwest Branch.

Charlie was at or near 93 when he died, and if I had known his age, I would have marveled all the more when he described his efforts a few years ago in digging out an acre of multiflora rose, a nasty invasive shrub that must have all of it roots dug

out in order to be rid of it. But Charlie was determined to achieve this and other goals in his late '80s and early '90s.

In a letter written to a councilmember 2 years ago, Charlie described his military service in Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) in Europe during World War II and the post-war occupation. He joined the US Army Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC) after this service. He sought to again serve in EOD during the Korean War, but was instead put to work in the Army's Public Information Section - likely due to his post-war study of journalism and the Russian language - reporting on rather than fighting battles. After the Korean War, he went to work for the Armed Forces Security Agency - which later became the National Security Agency - as an intelligence analyst and language instructor.

In his official retirement, he worked just as hard as a volunteer, championing a variety of public safety issues such as his support for the first Weed and Seed Program in the Long Branch area. His interest in public safety included a strong interest in homeland security. He believed that police helicopters could serve numerous security purposes. Many of us will remember Charlie's repeated, determined efforts to get the County to buy just one helicopter for the county police to use for more efficient and cost-effective crime fighting. I heard his arguments a number of times over the last five years, because he would not take bureaucratic indifference for an answer. I hope we carry on Charlie's commitment to fund the helicopters both in his memory, and because of the many important uses to which they can be put.

We say a heartfelt farewell and thank you to Charlie Pritchard, an irreplaceable civic activist who will be sorely missed.

Voters Align with Civic Community Positions

By Charles Wolff, MCCF Historian

Analysis of winners and losers in the County's primary elections last month tell a mostly cheerful tale for those of us in the civic movement, in stark contrast to what happened in 2002. Voters apparently gave high priority to major issues that we have worked hard on for years—money in politics, overcrowded schools, inadequate transit, and the imbalance between road capacity and development.

Campaign Funds

The Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) has always objected to the heavy proportion of campaign contributions that flowed from one small segment of our total economy---the development industry. Sixteen years ago, individual members of the civic community organized a political action committee, CITPAC, which tried to counter this disparity by asking candidates for county office to report the sources of their campaign funds to CITPAC every month so that it could publicize them. It did so again in 1994. Many candidates complied while the holdouts took a hit in public esteem. By 1998, CITPAC was praised for being the first in the nation to post these monthly reports on campaign funding on the world wide web. This work is now performed with even greater skill by another all-volunteer civic group, Neighbors for a Better Montgomery (www.NeighborsPAC.org) and getting national and world wide attention.

The defeats of then County Councilman, Bill Hanna, in 1998 and County Executive candidate, Steve Silverman, last month are due in part to public aversion to their accepting over two thirds of their campaign funds from the development industry. At the opposite extreme, Marc Elrich and Duchy Trachtenberg probably owe part of their recent victory in the primary to refusing any money from that industry. Phil Andrews who defeated Hanna in 1998 is the only incumbent member to refuse contributions from the development industry and PACs.

Smaller Council Districts

The MCCF has represented neighborhood civic and homeowners groups all over this county since 1925. It is strictly nonpartisan and does not endorse candidates, but it is never shy about advocating specific policies that would lead to better government and quality of life in the county. The "Civic Fed" tried to get at money-in-politics by working to eliminate the at-large seats on the Council since they require the most expensive campaigns. MCCF wanted the county divided into nine small, community-based districts with one council member from each. Supporters toiled through a very long, hot summer to gather signatures for this purpose and successfully placed "Question C" on the 2004 ballot. The opposition had to spend over \$100,000 against our tiny \$6,000 to persuade the public into voting against Question C.

Persistence Pays

Although Question C lost two years ago, intentions remain strong within MCCF to keep trying for some reform of this kind. After all, it took two tries - the elections of 1984 and 1986 - to achieve the present structure of the Council with four members elected at-large plus five from districts. That represented an important reform from previous Councils of

seven members, all elected at-large.

Dale Tibbitts, the Legislative Chairman for MCCF, has pointed out how a sustained effort to keep an issue before the public slowly builds and finally becomes persuasive to a majority of voters. So activists shouldn't be overly discouraged when their side loses on a bill before the County Council or in an election. Their factually-based efforts may have laid the foundation for a victory later when the issue matures.

Environment and Schools

Civic groups have been among the firmest to champion a clean and healthy environment. But all candidates nowadays are environmentalists or at least pose as such. It was difficult for the general public to discern big differences between the candidates except for those who saw the disconnect between building the ICC and protecting our stream valley parks. Thus environment did not play a large role this year.

Although a strong advocate for our public schools, Councilmember Mike Subin was defeated, and it is very likely that two new education advocates will be added to the Council in November. One is former School Board member Valerie Ervin. The other is a professional teacher, Marc Elrich, who favors restrictions on developments that would impact already overcrowded schools. With a net gain of one seat, civic goals for effective schools at the teacher level and less crowding in classrooms will advance more quickly.

It was not all good news for us. A selfless and dedicated civic leader and former president of MCCF, Cary Lamari, lost his at-large race for the Council. He made a great impression at the candidate forums but few people ever got to see these. He had far too little money to get his name and message heard over the whole county.

The "End Gridlock" Team

County Executive Doug Duncan and five Council candidates campaigned four years ago as the "End Gridlock" slate. They were all elected. But their actions since have accomplished just the opposite. They removed many impediments to development such as killing the annual growth policy and making traffic standards so weak as to be useless in many areas. As a result, the public suffers more gridlock in more places than ever. So there is some justice that three of those six will soon be out of office. Two were defeated in the September primary, and Duncan withdrew from an uphill battle to become governor.

Ignoring the Law

Voter disaffection with developer-financed campaigns was heightened by the discovery of an unprecedented number of violations of approved building plans. In the past year or so, the Planning Board found noncompliance in seven projects including the notorious Clarksburg mess. Five other projects violated the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit laws. Details of these violations were researched and documented in a report by MCCF's Planning and Land Use Committee (available at www.montgomerycivic.org, "Site Plan Enforcement Study", August 2005, since updated).

Slower Growth

The voters also seemed to respond to the call by Ike Leggett and others for a slower rate of growth to allow public infrastructure to catch up. There were 719 classroom trailers in schoolyards throughout the county in June, some of which had been in place for more than a dozen years. And a Park and Planning study (June 2006) showed that one of every five county intersections with traffic signals has more traffic than can be accommodated during weekday rush hours. Such inadequacies belie the claim by the End Gridlock Council that new "development impact taxes" would generate sufficient revenue to provide needed schools, roads and transit improvements. It is well known that the average new development actually costs the county money for additional roads, schools, police and social services for at least one decade after the projects are built. To paraphrase a 2003 Planning Board report, we should implement the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance by using a definition of "adequate" that conforms with the reasonable expectations of most county residents.

A Convergence of Forces

The debacle in Clarksburg exposed the developer-friendly culture in Park and Planning and the Council Council. Four years of research and publicity by Neighbors for a Better Montgomery, correlating campaign contributions with permissive development policies and relaxed regulations had its impact. Daily doses of increased traffic congestion and school overcrowding amplified an aggressive campaign by the teachers union (MCEA) for the candidates endorsed by the Apple Ballot. Lack of a Duncan-led, pro- development slate hurt rapid growth candidates. All this combined with a nationwide anti-incumbent mood to create the conditions for switching the Endless Gridlock 6-3 pro-growth Council into what appears will be a 5-4 slow, sustainable and smart growth Council.

Can We Expect More Transparency On MCPS Issues?

by Mark R. Adelman, Chair, MCCF Education Committee

No matter what the exact outcomes of the November election, it is already clear that the new school year will bring changes in people and guiding principles at the Montgomery County Board of Education (BoE), the County Council and the County Executive. We hope that the systematic lack of transparency that led to various recent public accusations against the BoE and MCPS will no longer be perceived to be their unofficial policy.

We are cautiously optimistic that the current Council acted wisely when it created two new staff positions supposedly to assure openness and accountability with the MCPS budget process and analysis. This action was in response to repeated testimony from many that the MCPS budget is hard to understand and makes it very difficult for citizens to get clear answers. Our concern now is that the two staff positions were not for BoE staff and did not create a comparable reduction in MCPS budget staff. Instead, we understand that one person will be assigned to the County Council's Office of Legislative Oversight, and the other will be added to the Council's legislative staff primarily to assist the Council's Education Committee. We don't yet know if this new staff will help residents to understand the MCPS budget and its operations because we have been told that the new staffers will be tasked to deal with this issue only if enough citizens raise similar questions.

We are pleased that the BoE finally responded to our repeated requests and told us that it costs \$36,000 to produce operating budget documents. However, this figure only covers the cost of the materials produced, not the cost of MCPS staff time spent to produce what we consider to be purely promotional "propaganda". Based on the standard claim that almost 90% of school operating costs are for personnel, we suggest that the total real cost may be closer to \$360,000, with the \$36,000 representing just 10% for the materials. Whatever the true cost is, is this money being well spent? Should it have taken multiple emails, testimony, and a newspaper column just to get information with dubious validity?

On September 21, I attended a "Planning Forum for Community Leaders". We received much information about the MCPS Strategic Plan and how the operating budget is developed. We were asked to tell our members the various ways they could comment on these processes. The MCCF

Education Committee will be discussing the budget at its October 2 meeting. At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, there will be a public forum at the Carver Center in Rockville to discuss the Strategic Plan and the FY 2008 Operating Budget. You can also use the BoE website http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community/forums/feedback/ to provide your answers to issues and questions the BoE believes are relevant to their decision-making. However, I recommend that you write your most important questions and insights in your own way rather than just fill out the form. If you take the time to vote thoughtfully, you should also make the time to keep informed and to ask questions of BoE members and MCPS officials every year. We all need to provide the input that they are asking for, whether or not we find them to be sincere in their request. If all you do is vote, sit back and observe, grumble if things aren't going as you want, and then vote to "throw the bums out" in the next election, then the light you want to shine through the windows into our school system will be blocked by blinds. For transparency to work, you need to help open the blinds and then keep them open.

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Regular Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Dan Wilhelm calls the meeting to order; introductions: 22 are present at 7:53 PM. Minutes from the June 12, 2006 Regular meeting are accepted as published in the September Newsletter.

Program. Affordable Housing. Jim Humphrey. Guests: John Carter from Park and Planning (M-NC/PPC), and Joy Flood from the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC). Discussion covers various types of affordable housing available in Montgomery County. Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program has created 8527 sale units and 3520 rental units over its 31 years. Of those, 1800 sale units, and 1150 rentals remain under program control. New MPDU units must now remain MPDUs for 99 years as rental, or 30 years as sale units. The program is open for enrollment only in January & July. 584 applicants are waiting for sale units that have been approved. Point system is based on residency, work place, and longevity. Rental is by lottery only. All developments over 20 units must have 12.5% MPDU content. If 15% are MPDU, then unit density may be increased 22%. In recent changes, the Alternative Review Procedure may overturn master plans, e.g., approved height limits may be raised but not beyond zoning limits. There are some "buy out" provisions allowing

developers to pay fee to not build required MPDUs Price is negotiated between the developer and the DHCA (Department of Housing and Community Affairs). Housing Initiative Fund: 2% of the Property Taxes collected in the prior tax year.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. A Federal program serving the poorest of the poor. Montgomery County received 18,000 voucher applications in five days. Participants chosen by lottery. Currently serves 5300 families., 22,000 people, 7000 under age of 18. Families must make 30% of medium income or less and pay 30% of their income for rent. A voucher can be used anywhere in the U.S. HOC is not part of Montgomery County government, but it works with the county. Program is about 27 years old. Privacy is paramount. Housing must be coupled with social services. Average income is about \$10K. Average \$330 monthly towards rent and utilities. There is also a home ownership program. Subsidies go towards mortgage payments. Most are single mothers with children. \$60M comes into Montgomery County annually. Ms. Flood works for the Housing Opportunity Commission, which is funded largely by federal funds, and partially by the county.

Personal Living Quarters (PLQs) provides transitional housing. Federal program monitored by HHS. 85 units in MC. Montgomery County can buy and administer this program.

Productivity Housing. A definition eludes this meeting. Consensus is that PH is not much in use anymore.

Workforce Housing. New program for areas around metro stations for people earning between 70% and 120% of ... A developer must set aside 12.5% of the number of market-value units. Rules not yet approved.

Accessory apartments: privately built via special exception process. Board of Appeals decides if a unit might be detrimental to the neighborhood (if it causes parking or traffic problems, or if the number of existing units in the area is already excessive).

John Carter's "Top Five Planning Concerns": #5: Abuses, e.g., where the developer gets his MPDU density bonus then buys out of the requirement to build anyway. #4: Regulatory review process; site plan must be compatible with existing neighborhood. #3: Mix of units; danger of too many of the same units in an area. Some master plans address this; others don't. #2: Affordable Housing as an excuse for more density. #1: Keep the planners away from the influence of money; the profit that developers may make should not influence planners' decisions.

Treasurer's Report. Luella Mast distributes the treasurer's report and proposes the MCCF Budget for 2006-07, which is approved. Adjournment. 9:30 P.M.

Minutes of the September 21, Executive Committee Meeting

by Peggy Dennis, subst. for Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:49. In attendance: President Wayne Goldstein, Luella Mast, Jim Humphrey, Peggy Dennis, Sandy Vogelgesang; Charles Wolff, Dan Wilhelm, Bill Schrader, Dale Tibbitts, Lyle Schofield and Lee Shipman.

Agenda and Minutes of the August 16 ExComm Meeting both approved.

Treasurer's Report: Luella Mast thanked Richard Zierdt for helping get IRS number resolved. Our September income was \$1,600; twice that of 2005. Dan will continue to provide updated lists of dues-paid members for inclusion in Newsletter. Luella asked for policy on venue for ExComm meetings in cases when our scheduled date or venue must be changed. We agreed that we will (1)try to keep night of week or date, (2) have president conduct straw poll if date must be changed, (3) president will make final decision in consultation with treasurer and (4) private homes may be used if suitable public venue cannot be found.

Environment: Jim raised question of MCCF participating in Duncan's Storm Water Quality Summit Meetings. Diane Cameron was permitted to attend 1st meeting, but MCCF is being excluded.

Transportation: Should we take a position supporting or opposing ticketing speed cameras? Not at this time.

Planning & Land Use: Jim discussed ZTA 06-09, Rezoning of Split-Zone Properties. Jim explained ZTA is misnamed. He testified to Planning Board suggesting it be renamed "Split-Zone Lots or Parcels" and that the Board not relinquish sole authority to make applications to Council for rezonings by allowing property owners to do so in these cases. Some lots have been created as split-zones on purpose to guarantee buffer or transition between commercial and residential zones. Planning Board will hold hearing on Clarksburg Village violations on Thursday, Sept. 28. Developer has already been found in violation of approved site plan, but will likely seek to have finding vacated in exchange for a proffer of payment less than fine recommended by Board's staff. This should not be permitted as finding of violation will serve as important

deterrent to future developer violations.

Committee will send letter in support of Councilmember Praisner's legislation requiring site plan approval for C-2 Commercial Zone projects over a certain size.

Next planning forum on Centers and Boulevards scheduled for Sept. 27, 4 to 8:30 p.m., at Brookside Gardens (reservation required).

Planning Board staff will seek creation of Mixed-Use Floating Zone that could be applied without master plan recommendation, which Committee will oppose based on strong MCCF support of master plans.

Committee has heard there is at least one project in Clarksburg that received Building Permits in Feb. 2004 prior to approval of site plan, and is following up.

Membership: Dan to provide Membership Committee with data base list on members for last 3-4 years.

Public Relations: Lyle provided handout showing Google process to use for website.

Public Safety: George Sauer acting as interim chair

Legislation: Dale advised that if November election goes as expected, he will resign as chair of Legislation Committee. Committee for Montgomery is still working to increase the number of signatures required for charter amendment petitions, but Dale doesn't know if Charles Barkley will introduce another bill on this topic. Will try to ascertain. Discussion of whether we should work with Ike Leggett and other pro-reform councilmen to get some change in composition of the Council. No consensus.

Programs: November will be with MCEA, but Arnie should insure a balanced presentation. December: should we have a program with state delegates to discuss the 2007 agenda in Annapolis or a "Meet the New Council" program to hear what the Council hopes to achieve? Should it be all councilmen or just the newly elected members? No consensus reached.

New Business: Luella asked if Wayne could discuss with Richard if it would be useful to have a designated back-up or substitute for the Recording Secretary, or if this might better be a two-person position.

Newsletter assignments. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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Federation Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2006 7:45 1st Floor Auditorium County Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD

Agenda:

- 7:45 Call to Order
- 7:46 Introductions and Announcements
- 7:55 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- 7:56 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Rpt.
- 8:00 Program: Transportation in Mont. Cty.
- 9:10 Committee Reports
- 9:45 Member Issues
- 9:50 Old Business
- 9:55 New Business
- 10:00 Adjourn

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 7:45 p.m.
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