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## September Program - Department of Permitting Services

By Arnie Gordon, 1st Vice- President & Program Chairman

Our program for September 10th will focus on the County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS). The Director of that agency, Ms. Carla Joyner will give a presentation on her Department's responsibilities and will field our questions afterwards. The DPS has been in the news recently having succeeded to greater responsibilities, especially since the Clarksburg controversies. It is vitally important for our civic association members to understand how this department operates as its activities are important to the health and livability of our growing and redeveloping communities.

We have asked Ms. Joyner to speak on her department's:

- mission and operations
- organizational strength and deployment of its personnel
- employee pay and benefits
- attitudes of its employees toward their ability to find affordable housing in the County and the need for the proposed "workforce housing"
- resources and budget
- present operating budgets for inspection and compliance efforts
- plans for its assumption of responsibilities for inspection of housing and developments (previously the responsibility M-NC/PPC) recently transferred to DPS
- current controversies regarding enforcement
- role in conservation and environmental protection
- other issues they deem important for us to understand

This promises to be an interesting and enlightening program.

## MPDU Program Should Better Serve Those in Need

by Jim Humphrey, Zoning & Land Use Chair

On July 19 the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) released a status report on the county's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program. The County Council approved amendments to the MPDU law in 2004, and asked the OLO to determine what impact the changes have had on implementation of the Program.

For background, the MPDU Program was created in 1975. It requires that a minimum percentage of housing units in new developments over a certain size be provided to the Program, for sale or rent, at an affordable price to households with moderate income. One of the key changes made by the Council three years ago was to increase the length of time that units remain under Program control.

Until 2004, if a qualified applicant who had bought an MPDU sale unit wished to resell within 10 years of purchase, they were required to sell the unit as an MPDU at a price set by the Program. But if the homeowner remained in their MPDU for more than 10 years, they were then free to sell at market rate and the unit fell out of Program control. Due to the relatively

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short former control period, the law had been written to allow up to 33% percent of sale MPDUs provided to the Program to be purchased by the Housing Opportunities Commission and still more units by other designated agencies or non-profit corporations, up to a maximum total of 40%. The purpose was to prevent sale MPDUs from falling out of Program control after 10 years by allowing these agencies to purchase units they would then manage as affordably priced housing in perpetuity.

Still in place today, the process allows up to 40% of all sale MPDUs created each year to be purchased under this "right of first refusal" before even one applicant on the Program waiting list has an opportunity to purchase a unit. Some 2,000 applicants are currently on the waiting list, with some having been on the list for 6 or 8 years. In addition, the sale units purchased by HOC and the non-profits are almost always converted to rental units. This defeats one of the primary purposes of the MPDU Program which is to help moderate income first-time homebuyers purchase a house and build equity allowing them to eventually move up and out of the Program.

When they met with OLO staff preparing the MPDU Program study, members of the MCCF Housing Committee recommended that the section of the MPDU law which authorizes this process be changed. But the issue was not included in the OLO's report, so Committee members feel a separate effort to effect change is needed.

In 2004, the 10 year control period for MPDU sale units was increased to 30 years, and a similar control period for rental MPDUs was increased from 20 to 99 years. So the need no longer exists for HOC and non-profit housing agencies to capture MPDUs in order to compensate for the inadequate length of the control periods in the original law. Committee members believe that HOC and the non-profits should still be

## **Environment Committee Report by Caren Madsen, Environment Committee Chair**

In response to concerns over tree and forest loss in Montgomery County, the County Council is poised to put proposed Forest Conservation Law (FCL) amendments and new tree protection measures under the microscope this fall. Our Council has made strides in the past two years by adopting legislation to increase enforcement penalties and add protection for champion

allowed to purchase MPDU sale units, but only **after** the individual applicants on the Program's waiting list have been given an opportunity to qualify and purchase the units. Then, at the end of the offering period, if no applicants are interested or qualify to purchase the MPDU sale units the units should be offered to HOC and other designated agencies.

The Housing Committee will move the adoption of the following resolution on this issue at the September 10 MCCF meeting.

### **Proposed Resolution concerning MPDU Sale Unit Offering Process**

Whereas in 2004 the County Council approved amendments to the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit law, among them an increase in the length of the period that units remain under Program control; and,

Whereas, because of this lengthening of the control period, the initial offering of MPDU sale units to the Housing Opportunities Commission and other designated entities, which is currently authorized in law, is no longer necessary to ensure the long-term existence of these units in the county's affordable priced housing stock;

Be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation recommends the County Council amend the MPDU law (specifically Section 25A-8 of the County Code) to require that all qualified applicants on the Program's waiting list be given the opportunity to purchase MPDU "for sale" units, both newly created units and those that come up for resale within their control period, prior to allowing HOC and other designated entities to purchase the units.

trees. But a comprehensive approach to increasing tree cover may be needed, according to officials from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NC/PPC) and the Department of Environmental Protection, two of four local agencies with jurisdiction over various aspects of county tree laws.

One potential change agent could be a new Forest Conservation Advisory Committee which will be

nominated by County Executive Isiah Leggett and confirmed by the Council in the months ahead. Fifteen public-member vacancies are open on the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee. According to Council Bill No. 36-06, approved by the Council last fall and mandating the committee, “public members should include urban and stewardship foresters, arborists, landscape architects, horticulturists and representatives from the nursery industry, persons directly engaged in agriculture, persons directly involved in the building industry, members of citizen groups, members of environmental and conservation organizations, and representatives of public utilities.” The committee will also include representatives from the Departments of Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Public Works and Transportation, the M-NC/PPC and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The committee will be staffed primarily by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) where County Arborist Laura Miller assumes a lead role over county forestry policy.

The committee is charged with advising the Executive, Council, Planning Board, and other relevant agencies on forestry issues; proposing policies, laws and guidelines; and submitting an annual report on the committee's accomplishments. According to the Executive's office, recommending a comprehensive approach to urban forestry is one of the primary goals of the committee. In county and local governments throughout the country, similar boards and tree commissions exist and work in tandem to craft tree ordinances and forestry laws. Over the past year, M-NC/PPC staff and Council Members Roger Berliner (Dist. 1) and Marc Elrich (At-large) have formed a task force and a separate work group, respectively, to study how the county can improve existing forestry laws or create new legislation to shore up gaps in the FCL. Proposed FCL amendments have also been submitted by the C&O Canal Task Force (originally convened by Congressman Chris Van Hollen) and M-NCPPC staff. Council Member Elrich has been working with M-NC/PPC staff to iron out differences between the two proposals and develop a cohesive strategy.

By the time this newsletter is printed, we may be ready to welcome a new director at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – making this the County Executive's final cabinet nomination. Interviews with various candidates have continued throughout the year with informal vetting discussions between the Executive's staff and members of the Council, as well as the business and environmental community. Feedback on the most recent candidate is positive but at press time, the selection was not

final and a nominee's name had not been submitted to the Council for approval. Our new director will find a vocal (the understatement of the year?), knowledgeable, and enthusiastic constituency in Montgomery County. We look forward to new leadership at DEP and a stronger partnership with the County on environmental issues.

This month finds the Montgomery County Stormwater Partners, comprised of more than 20 member organizations, continuing to reach out and urge the state to strengthen our stormwater permit issued under the federal Clean Water Act. Through a seed grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the partners are organizing a watershed summit called Clean Water and Streams for Montgomery. The conference is set for Oct. 27 with a location to be announced. The summit will bring together citizens from around the county to found a new, permanent network of watershed leaders. State Senator Jamie Raskin has agreed to keynote the event, with County Council Environment Lead Valerie Ervin scheduled as the concluding speaker. The conference will ratify a Montgomery County Citizens Watershed Strategy, providing our collective vision for stream protection and restoration. The group will research watershed network models that have worked elsewhere. Civic groups with clear environmental stewardship missions are encouraged to join the network. The coalition is reaching out to activists in the northern and western parts of the County to support establishment of stewardship organizations for streams such Little Seneca that currently are under represented.

Also noteworthy is the Maryland General Assembly's passage of a stormwater law this year that makes Environmental Site Design the norm. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will be responsible for implementing the new law through effective regulations. A consortium of 35 organizations around the state has drafted a set of 11 Core Principles to provide input to MDE for successful implementation of the new law. The Oct. 27 watershed conference will include a discussion of this new legislation by the bill's lead sponsor in the House of Delegates, Jane Lawton, and by the founder of the Center for Watershed Protection, Tom Schueler. For more information on the Stormwater Management Act or the Oct. 27 conference, please email Diane Cameron at [dianemcameron@verizon.net](mailto:dianemcameron@verizon.net) or Steve Dryden at [jsdryden@comcast.net](mailto:jsdryden@comcast.net).

Our MCCF Environment Committee welcomes two new members this month: Cynthia Fain and Arlene Bruhn. Cindy has been working as a consultant to the Maryland Environmental Trust and has been an articulate spokesperson, testifying at Council and Planning Board hearings on forest and tree loss. Arlene

has been working diligently within her own civic organization on street tree issues. She is a member of one of the largest and most rapidly growing segments of the U.S. population – retirees with a passion for

contributing to a better society. Welcome aboard to you both! Our MCCF December meeting program will feature a presentation on the FCL and county activity on tree legislation.

## Report on Education

### by Mark R. Adelman, Chair, Education Committee

My final report as Chair of the MCCF Education Committee will give the status of issues with which our committee has been involved. Our efforts have been connected by the common thread that ALL members of the community should be engaged in the dialogue about how best to deliver high quality education to every child in Montgomery County because, even if one does not have a child in our public school system, the fabric of our society and the quality of our lives is vitally dependent on how well MCPS does its multiple jobs. This means not only that the Board of Education (BoE) and all elements of MCPS must seek out and value community input, but also that each of us has an obligation to monitor what MCPS is doing and to offer comments when we believe something can be improved.

What we learned during the revision of the BoE Policy on Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning (FAA) and the associated implementing document (FAA-RA) lead us to participate in the dialogue regarding revisions of a number of other policies (ABA - on Community Involvement, IQD - on Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities, BFA - on Policy Setting, BNB - on Board Staff, IEB - on Middle School Reform, JFA - on Student Rights and Responsibilities). We not only read and discussed draft revisions before submitting comments on them, but also attended some meetings of the relevant BoE committees so as to better understand the process and to demonstrate to BoE members the interest of the community in these matters. We consistently argued for more clarity in such policy statements, stressed the need to explicitly recognize community input in such matters, and emphasized the many ways in which public education not only provides students with knowledge and skills but also must develop in them the attitudes required of citizens in our society. Some (but, of course, not all) of our suggestions were followed. The discussion of Policy JFA (visit the MCCF website) is the most recent example of this ongoing effort.

We have continued to track the many issues raised by the Seven Locks ES replacement controversy. No one has informed us of problems in the planned modernizing of SLES. Most seem pleased that the

Kendale Road site is not scheduled to be used for an elementary school, but many are cautious as to whether the site might be "lost" to the school system at some future date. The numbers of relocatable classrooms has been reduced even as many defective ones were replaced; some feedback from activists in the Churchill cluster suggests that a significant number of newly installed relocatables have had problems and that getting these corrected takes time and effort on the part of PTAs and others in the community. Many remain suspicious of the accuracy of MCPS financial projections (the yearly budget battles over transparency have not helped the effort to rebuild trust). The overall issue of retaining MCPS sites that are (or are not) currently needed is a mixed bag. The Edson Lane site was declared "surplussed", but the actual transfer to the County (for possible use in building affordable housing) has been tied up in litigation for some time. We are informed that sale of the Perry HS site has not progressed and that little action on this appears likely in the immediate future. The objections to possible transfer of Carver ESC from MCPS to Montgomery College lead to the establishment of a "Rockville Campus Expansion Task Force" which is in the final stages of studying options and making recommendations. See <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/rvexpansion/index.html> for details. Assuming that acquisition of Carver is recommended, the BoE will evaluate the proposal. When we last inquired about this, we were told that there was no urgency and little enthusiasm to proceed along this path: it will be up to the community (including MCCF) to decide if/how to respond, should transfer of Carver appear imminent.

As part of our routine of contacting the appropriate offices for status updates, we pursued the question of whether the Carver site parking lot improvement that was done to accommodate overflow parking from the college had employed pervious paving: it had not, but we have learned that MCPS is participating in a county-wide effort to test this technology at a series of sites, including portions of some school parking lots. We perceive growing concern about the extent to which MCPS construction does/does not follow guidelines that would be applicable to other construction in the county. The entire issue of "green construction", the

independence of MCPS from county regulations, and the costs - to the community - of building and maintaining public schools is highly nuanced. The relationship of schools as educational sites AND as focal points of the communities in which they are housed is likely to become an ever greater component of the public dialogue as MoCo approaches "build-out" and accelerates "build-up".

The MCPS budget continues to comprise approximately one half of the entire Montgomery County budget. The process by which this budget is proposed, debated, and funded takes up an enormous portion of the time and effort of those who choose to engage in the dialogue. In our testimonies before the BoE and the County Council (posted to our website), we continued to stress the need for documentation that is clearer and less laden with overt positive-spin propaganda. The decisions that must be made in each cycle are neither trivial nor easy; the entire community must participate and it is - to us - distressing to see so many citizens unwilling to engage in or even follow the process.

Because election of members of the BoE is a critical part of the process by which the community can indicate how it wishes MCPS to proceed, our committee has experimented with several methods of allowing candidates to present their views and positions to the public. Public attendance at candidate forums

## TREASURER'S WORKSHOP

By Luella Mast, MCCF Treasurer

The Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) is the county-wide umbrella organization for local PTAs in Montgomery County Public Schools. Much like MCCPTA, MCCF is a county-wide umbrella organization for local civic, community and homeowner associations in Montgomery County.

MCCPTA sponsors successful biannual workshops for officers in its local membership organizations. For the past several years, I have been thinking that similar workshops would be useful for the treasurers of our member organizations. The time has come to, so to say, to fish or cut bait. As the MCCF treasurer, I would like to host a workshop for the treasurers of our member organizations. I expect topics to include software for accounting and budget preparation, federal and state financial reporting requirements, friendly banks, reasonable reserves, finding someone to audit the books, ideas on how to get money and what can be done with it, and an open discussion of any topics of interest to all. My goal is to save us individually from

continues to be low. Public interest in the results of questionnaires (such as the one we posted to our website in 2006) is difficult to assess. What remains clear is that voters come to the polls less informed about BoE candidates than about almost any other candidates on the ballot and are less likely to cast a vote in BoE contests than any others.

It is the essence of a truly democratic society that all citizens are educated so they can participate in an informed public dialogue, the goal of which is to reach some consensus as to the best way in which to resolve each of the many complex challenges facing that society. This participation is one's right AND one's responsibility. It is rare that the average citizen wins or loses any such debate. However, in the broadest sense each of us gains if we participate and our opinion is heard; the corollary is that each of us fails to gain if we choose not to participate or if others choose not to hear us. Another essential feature of our society is that each of us may step forward and offer to serve, for some period of time, in a role that reflects our interests and experiences. Each of us has developed a base of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that enable us to serve in some form of leadership role; each of us has an implicit obligation to do so and should regard such a period of service as a privilege. It has been my privilege to serve the Federation, and I wish all the best to the MCCF delegate who steps forward to chair our Education Committee.

inventing and re-inventing the civic wheel by providing a forum in which we can share best practices and ideas which will facilitate our work and strengthen our local organizations.

There will be a Treasurer's Workshop on Wednesday, October 24, from 7:30 to 9:45 (or so) PM at my home, 809 Hobbs Drive, Colesville (Silver Spring) 20904. All treasurers, or a representative of your member association, are invited. A light sandwich supper will be served. I need, first, for those of you on our newsletter list to let your treasurer know we are planning this workshop. Second, I need to know who plans to come. If fewer than 8 people plan to attend, the workshop will be canceled for lack of interest. Therefore, I will also need contact information for the people who plan to attend. Those who plan to attend should RSVP by phone (301-384-4178) or email (luellam@comcast.net) by Wednesday, October 17.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION, INC.**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET for the FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**

	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	Notes
<b>MCCF INCOME</b>				
Dues	2,590	3,712	3,740	
Local Associations	2,200	3,257	3,300	60 @ \$55 av. (59 in 06-07)
Umbrella Associations	45	-	-	00 @ \$45 (0 in 06-07)
Regional or County-Wide Associations	45	90	90	02 @ \$45 (2 in 06-07)
Individual Associates	300	365	350	23 @ \$18 av. (23 in 06-07)
Associate Group	-	-	-	00 @ \$85 (0 in 06-07)
Donations	50	70	70	From Organizations & Individuals
Community Advocacy	-	-	-	Requires outside sponsor
Awards Dinner	3,000	2,280	2,300	Income Equal to Expenses
Miscellaneous	25	2	25	Income not assigned elsewhere
In-Kind Contributions/Journal	400	199	200	Members contribute supplies, etc.
<b>MCCF INCOME</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>6,263</b>	<b>6,335</b>	
<b>MCCF EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Member Communications</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>2,475</b>	
Newsletter	2,500	1,924	2,300	250 copies of 10 issues, Sept - June
Layout	-	-	-	Bob Dennis pro-bono
Printing	1,900	1,349	1,700	10 issues @ 12 pages; 250 copies
Mailing	600	575	600	145 @ 0.41 each x 10 months
Web page	-	-	175	Web development; address rental
<b>Civic and Social Betterment</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>3,135</b>	
Federation meetings	750	750	750	COB rental; 10 mtg/yr@3hr@\$25/hr
Awards Dinner	2,400	2,148	2,300	Restaurant, invitations, awards
Community Information Forums	-	-	-	Requires outside sponsor
Federation Memberships	75	60	60	Committee for Montgomery Workshops for member org. officers
Training	-	-	25	
<b>Organizational Support</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>700</b>	
Executive Committee	235	366	375	CUPF rental; 12 mtg/yr@\$19.50/mtg
President	100	50	75	CfM, Housing Conf., supplies
Committees	400	189	200	supplies, travel
Membership Committee	200	48	50	Postage, copying; fair booth in 2008?
MCCF Directory	100	-	-	no chair
<b>Miscellaneous/Journal</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	Expenses not assigned elsewhere
<b>MCCF EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>6,335</b>	

Cash on Hand July 1, 2007: \$ 9,114.23

2006-2007 Change in reserves: \$ 721.82

Luella W. Mast, Treasurer; August 27, 2007

Note: Per MCCF Bylaws: Article XVII. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. Section 1. Annual Budget. An operating budget for the Membership Year shall be adopted to plan and manage the Federation's fiscal affairs. A proposed budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval in August. The budget as approved shall be printed in the September Newsletter and included in the September Agenda for action by the Membership. The budget shall include all planned and expected expenditures and revenues. Federation officials shall assist the Treasurer as requested in developing the budget.

## Confirmation of Appointed Officials

President Wayne Goldstein has nominated the following to serve as Appointed Officials during the 2007-08 year. Our bylaws require their confirmation by the membership at the September meeting. Historian: Charles Wolff; Newsletter Editor: Peggy Dennis; Database Manager: Dan Wilhelm. The positions of Parliamentarian and Public Relations Officer are both open. Anyone interested in filling these positions should contact President Wayne Goldstein at [waynengoldstein@hotmail.com](mailto:waynengoldstein@hotmail.com) or 301-942-8079.

## Standing Committee Appointments

The following standing committee chairs have been appointed by President Wayne Goldstein to serve during the 2007-08 year. Our bylaws require that these appointments be confirmed by the delegates at the September meeting. Environment: Caren Madsen; Legislation: Dan Wilhelm; Planning and Land Use: Jim Humphrey; Public Finance and Utilities: Chuck Lapinski and Marvin Weinman; Public Safety: Chuck Floyd; Transportation: Byron Bloch. Anyone interested in chairing the Education Committee or the special committees on Housing and Awards should contact Wayne at [waynengoldstein@hotmail.com](mailto:waynengoldstein@hotmail.com).

## Time to Renew Membership in MCCF

It's time to renew your membership and pay annual dues. We thank the delegates and treasurers of the following organizations which have already paid for the 2007-2008 year: Allenwood-Gayfields-Wilson Hills-Gaywood Estates; Bannockburn; Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights, Glen Echo Heights, Grosvenor Park Condominium, Norbeck Meadows, Huntington Terrace, Hillandale, North Hills of Sligo Creek, Layhill South, Parkwood Residents, Potomac Pond HOA, Rock Creek Palisades and West Bradley Citizens Association.

If your organization's name does not appear above, please print out or cut out the Membership Renewal Form from page 11, fill in the information and pass it to your organization's treasurer so it can be mailed in to Luella Mast with the needed check. Please don't make our District Vice Presidents have to call you to remind you to "re-up" your membership.

## Montgomery County Civic Federation 2007 - 2008 Calendar

### REGULAR MEETINGS

2nd Monday, September – June, 7:45 - 10:00 PM

1st Floor Auditorium, Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Free evening parking in the adjacent garage.

September 10	February 11
October 8	March 10
November 12	April 14
December 10	May 12
January 14	June 9

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday after the regular meeting, 7:45 - 10:15 PM

Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville. Free parking at the school.

September 19	January 23
October 17	February 20
November 14*	March 19
December 12*	April 23
	May 21
	June 18

\*Schedule change required by holiday conflicts.

### MCCF ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION AND BANQUET

Friday, May 9, 2008, 6:00 - 9:30 PM

New Fortune Restaurant, 16515 Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center.

### SUMMER POTLUCK

July 2008 (date to be set), 6:00 - 9:00 PM, at Peggy & Bob Dennis's, 11115 Fawcett Road, Potomac, 20854

## Maryland Department of Transportation Presentation

MDOT will make their annual presentation on their consolidated Capital Transportation Plan to local officials and citizens on Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 in the County Council Office Building, Third Floor Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville,

Maryland. This information, along with greater detail, was passed along to us by Delegate Bronrott. If you'd like greater detail or more information, you can contact Delegate Bronrott at Bill4MD16@aol.com.

## Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting

### by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein calls the meeting to order at 7:57 pm with introductions. 21 are present.

**Agenda.** No changes.

Minutes of the May 14, 2007 regular meeting are accepted.

**Treasurer.** Luella Mast has printed reports on back table. \$9,040.45 in cash assets.

**Elections of Officers.** Luella Mast moves that the persons nominated and printed in the May Newsletter be approved. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Wayne presents two Certificates of Appreciation: One to Mark Adelman, departing Chair of the Education Committee, and to Richard Zierdt, departing Recording Secretary.

**Planning and Land Use.** Wayne presents, on behalf of the Executive Committee, one resolution on the County's Growth Policy Amendments with three parts as printed in the June 2007 Newsletter, page 3 (increases to the recordation tax; reduction in school capacity figures, and traffic measurements that include the number of signal cycles needed to clear an intersection, among others). During discussion, it was asked if there were published standards on traffic, school capacity, and recordation taxes. It was noted the motion did not reference specific bill numbers – if there were any. Motion to call the question passes 12-4-0. Motion then passes 11-2-3.

**Bylaws.** Luella Mast. Moves proposed amendments to the bylaw as printed in the May Newsletter. Seconded. Passes 16-0-0. The Bylaws Committee is applauded for its efforts.

### Committee Reports.

**Education.** Mark Adelman. Distributes written report. Board of Education will deal with the \$6M difference between their requested budget and what the County Council granted.

**Transportation.** Peggy Dennis. Speed Humps with 22' spans are discussed. MCCF Transportation chair Byron Bloch is working with Glenn Orlin on roads. Some roads built prior to the 1950's were not built to County standards regarding public safety and durability.

**Planning Board nominations.** Dan Wilhelm is planning interviews with some candidates.

**Committee for Montgomery (CFM).** Dan Wilhelm. CFM will start having sub-committee meetings on the various State tax proposals. Send your thoughts to Dan. It was suggested that the MCCF may want to take positions on specific tax proposals.

**Member issues.** Carol Ann Barth, Northwood - Four Corners Civic Association. N-FCCA is frustrated with Park and Planning, specifically with management of the North Four Corners Park. N-FCCA has been fighting Park and Planning on this issue for years. P&P proposes a soccer field with 50 parking places. Community prefers a quiet, neighborhood park, where children can play and dogs can be walked. Users from out of area are now blocking driveways, defecating in the park; large groups congregate. County Council directed P&P to consider alternative uses for this park. There is supposedly an overall P&P Land, Parks, and Recreation Policy document, but it has not been debated. It advocates 88 more soccer fields, 15 more skate parks. Carol has heard nothing from P&P; however, tomorrow night, there will be a meeting where alternatives will be presented. P&P seems to have no interest in public input. Discussion ensues about dissatisfaction with P&P. Wayne proposes an ad-hoc committee on Parks. Arnie Gordon and Marvin Weinman volunteer to serve.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourns at 9:24 pm

## Minutes of the June 20 Executive Committee Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein called meeting to order at 7:51 pm with 13 present: Shipman, Goldstein, Wilhelm, Mast, Zierdt, Floyd, Vogelgesang, Schrader, Humphrey, Weinman, Wolff, Sauer, and Pat Price (guest).

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein offers his nominations for committee chairs. Nominations will be confirmed at the September regular meeting.

**Minutes.** Minutes of the May 23, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting are approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Luella Mast provides her reports showing MCCF has \$9,159.11 in cash assets. Reminder: Luella needs all receipts including those for in-kind contributions and expenses for which reimbursement is not requested, so she can close accounts for the past fiscal year. This way, we keep an idea of what it really costs to run this organization. Discussion on need to raise membership dues which has not been done in many years. Some felt we have sufficient assets in the bank that a dues increase at this time is not warranted.

**Environment Committee.** Wayne reports the Planning Board is holding a public hearing on amendments to the Forest Conservation Law tomorrow. Caren Madsen will testify for the MCCF. It was noted that a local landscaper had used fill dirt for playgrounds that was filled with glass shards.

**Education Committee.** Wayne has been writing a series of articles in the Sentinel Newspaper about MCPS education.

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Jim Humphrey testified last night before the

**County Council on the Growth Policy.** Jim and others have read the 321-page report from Park and Planning. Development industry opposes any increases in development impact taxes. Jim will monitor the White Flint Sector Plan as it is developed.. Wayne has been appointed by Ike Leggett to serve on The Affordable Housing Task Force.

**Bylaws Committee.** Luella Mast leaves copies of the current bylaws. Luella also distributes a two-page set of Standing Rules which are approved by the ExComm.

The Bylaws Committee may re-form again in September.

**Public Safety.** Chuck Floyd met with Police Chief Thomas Manger. Net increase of 60 officers in the County. Chuck attended a meeting June 19 on BRAC transportation issues.

**Transportation.** Dan Wilhelm. Planning Board is asking for volunteers for the Metro Purple Line Advisory Committee. Dan will apply.

**Programs.** Lee Shipman would like a program on affordable housing. A program on BRAC is suggested.

**Public Finance and Utilities.** Property tax bills will arrive July 1. Land values are being assessed higher.

**Legislation / Committee for Montgomery (CfM).** Dan Wilhelm reports MCCF is interviewing some candidates for Park and Planning such as Jean Cryor (Republican); Bob Cope and Gene Lynch (Democrats).

**New Business:** Charles Wolff has been appointed, effective June, to a 4-year term on the County's Charter Review Commission (CRC), which is charged with making recommendations about the Charter to the County Council. Charles's four-year commission begun in June. The CRC reports to the County Council at least once every two years. The Commission meets monthly, and MCCF members are asked to send suggestions to Charles.

Pat Price spoke for Rock Creek Palisades Civic Association about permit fees for signs in the public right-of-way. Currently, only tax-exempt, non-profit, 501(c)3 organizations are exempt from the County's \$600 sign permit fee. Most civic associations, while non-profit, are not tax-exempt, and thus would be charged \$600 per sign, even for a simple neighborhood identification sign. It is suggested that being non-profit should be sufficient to qualify for a fee-free sign permit. Pat provided a revised letter recommending that the County's sign ordinance and executive regulations be revised to address this. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to send the revised letter to county officials.

Meeting adjourned. 10:00 pm.

## Minutes of the July 11, Potluck Dinner Meeting

By Sandy Vogelgesang, Acting Rec, Sec.

MCCF held its annual potluck dinner meeting at the home of Peggy and Bob Dennis in Potomac from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Attendees (26 members and 2 guests). After an informal potluck dinner, MCCF President Wayne Goldstein called the meeting to order. Present were: Arnold Gordon (First VP), Peggy Dennis (Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor), Luella

Mast (Treasurer and Bylaws Chair), Jim Humphrey (Planning and Land Use Chair), Dan Wilhelm (Legislation/CFM Chair), Marvin Weinman (Public Utilities and Finance Chair), Sandy Vogelgesang (WBCA, District 15 VP), Lee Shipman (Bannockburn, District 16 VP), George Sauer (Regency Estates), Geoffrey Wolfe (WBCA), Virginia Sheard (Kensington View), Linda Guest (Riverhill HOA), Pat Price (Rock Creek Palisades), Cyril Draffin (Deerfield/Weathered Oak), Denise Zeck (Glen Echo Heights), Marian Fryer (WCC), Julie Davis (Friendship Heights), Max Bronstein (Friendship Heights), Rolf Sinclair (GBCCC0), Kathie Hulley (Clarksburg), Clair Mobley (Wildwood Manor), Sharon Dooley (GOCA), Walter Behr (Mayor, Somerset), Jenny Sue Dunner (Kenwood), and Bill Neil. Guests: County Council Members: Nancy Floreen and Marc Elrich. Note need for broader representation: Largest share of delegate attendees from Districts 15 and 16. Single largest contingent: Seven Locks Coalition.

**Program.** Wayne welcomed everyone to this annual event and stated that the purpose of this year's gathering is three-fold: (1) to have MCCF committee chairs summarize status of key issues; (2) to have members state their priority concerns; and (3) to encourage all members, guests and colleagues to become more active in the MCCF, particularly in filling such vacancies as the Education Committee chairmanship and positions of Recording Secretary and Public Relations Chair, and writing articles for the "Federation Corner" column in the Sentinel. Nancy Floreen, County Council Member At-large, spoke briefly commending the MCCF for its civic activism.

**Planning and Land Use (PLU).** Jim Humphrey, Chair, summarized the key issues in the housing area: the need for more affordable housing, the just-released progress report on moderately-priced dwelling units (MPDU's) from the County Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO), the legislation introduced by Councilmember George Leventhal to end MPDU buyouts, and the County Executive's task force on affordable housing. Regarding planning and land use, Jim noted: the new rules of procedure passed by the County Council to enable increased citizen input, the County Council's new Development Approval Manual, the continuing problems with the Master Plan process at both the Planning Board and the County Council, the issue of Development Districts, initiatives at the Agricultural Reserve, the significant issues raised by current review of the County Growth Policy, the lack of community input in the Alternative Review Process, and the need for MCCF representation in the County Task Force dealing with infrastructure financing.

**Education.** In the absence of Mark Adelman, Education Chair, Wayne noted some pending issues in this area such as misrepresentation of data on everything from graduation rates and expenditures, to crime by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). He called attendees attention to the column to appear in the next Sentinel regarding MCPS's lackadaisical attitude toward their financial accountability. He also reported on the possible convening of a conference this autumn to review the findings of the Baldrige Commission on MCPS performance and steps that could be taken to qualify for performance award.

**Environment.** In the absence of Caren Madsen, Committee Chair, Wayne reported on MCCF work underway on such issues as the Forest Conservation Law and related concerns about storm water runoff caused partly by cutting down trees in both new developments and in old neighborhoods where teardown/rebuilds abound.

**Public Safety and Transportation.** Wayne highlighted the work of MCCF Executive Board Member Peggy Dennis on "orphan" roads not maintained by the County.

**Bylaws.** Luella Mast, Chair, noted the Bylaws Committee's extensive review and revision of MCCF bylaws, approved this last year by Delegates.

**Legislation/Committee for Montgomery (CFM).** Dan Wilhelm, Chair, stated that the big issue at play in Annapolis is the large \$1.5 billion budget deficit. The CFM is in the process of formulating proposals to deal with the deficit which may be addressed by a special fall session of the Maryland General Assembly.

**Public Finance and Utilities.** Chairman Marvin Weinman focused on the size of the County budget (over \$4 billion), 80 percent of which is mandated for such items as salaries, compensation and pensions where recent significant increases have been approved. He noted that the State of Maryland will provide less money to Montgomery County even as the County collects more taxes. He stressed concern with apparent public apathy about the financial issues facing the County and the consequences for taxpayers.

**Membership.** Peggy Dennis, Chair, raised the question as to whether MCCF should change its Delegates' Meeting from Monday night to Wednesday night. Comments from the audience seemed to suggest that this idea is worth exploring as a means to increase MCCF membership and overall participation in Federation activities. Five new associations joined the Federation this past fiscal year.

**Comments from the Floor.** At the conclusion of these reports from MCCF committee chairs, the

president opened the floor for comments and questions.

- County Councilmember Elrich addressed some financial issues, including his advocacy of a tax credit rebate and the need for more accountability in County spending.
- Denise Zack, president of Glen Echo Heights Citizens' Association, summarized her community's concerns about the large increase in tear-downs of existing housing, replaced by McMansions that lead, in turn, to loss of trees and more storm water problems. She noted the lack of community input into development that changes the character of old, cherished neighborhoods.
- Marion Fryer of WCC noted the Wheaton community's determination to be ready for anticipated zoning text amendments (ZTA's) that will affect its development.
- Virginia Sheard, Kensington View, echoed those kinds of concerns with Sector Plans and stressed the need to address the "systemic" problems at Park and Planning. She and others lamented the lack of opportunity for timely community input into the County's decision-making process. She urged, as did Jim Humphrey, more opportunities for County Council and Park & Planning staff to meet together with developers and community representatives.
- Julie Davis, Friendship Heights, expressed her disappointment with the Park & Planning Board decision to abandon efforts by the citizens' advisory committee and others to achieve a more holistic planning approach in such areas as the Rockville Pike corridor and, instead, to proceed piecemeal.
- Ms. Davis' comments and those from Walter Behr, the Mayor of the Town of Somerset, underscored the extensive concern of many attendees about the nature and direction of the County's Growth Policy.
- Kathie Hulley, Clarksburg Civic Association, reported on the continuing development issues in her community.
- Representatives of the Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Coalition noted their concern about turning the Capital Crescent Trail into a transit way.
- Max Bronstein, Friendship Heights, expressed concern about adherence to Master Plans and the need for communities to have more resources to balance the influence of developers in the Master Plan review process.
- Sheila Dooley, GOCA, underscored the importance of the Agricultural Reserve and alerted the group to the continuing challenges to that land.
- George Sauer, Regency Estates, noted the concern of some in his community about what they consider an unduly ambitious approach to building walkways and bikeways along the Seven Locks Road. Others seemed to concur with him that such paths, while useful, could be built in such a way as to preserve the nature of neighborhoods.
- Bill Neil, a recent candidate for a seat on the Planning Board, noted the need to spend more money on transportation which does not necessarily translate into more funding for roads.
- Marc Elrich stressed the need for more interaction between the civic community and County decision-makers in light of some of the major issues before Montgomery County such as the Growth Policy.

**Summary and Adjournment:** Overall, concerns about land use/development, finance and the County decision-making process dominated both the presentations by committee chairs and comments from the floor. The president concluded the meeting at approximately 10:15 PM.

## Minutes of the July 17 Executive Committee Meeting

by Peggy Dennis, Acting Recording Secretary

8:50 Dan Wilhelm convened the meeting with Peggy Dennis, Sandy Vogelgesang, Marvin Weinman, Jim Humphrey and Wayne Goldstein (late arrival) in attendance with Denice Zech, a new member and president of the Glen Echo Heights C.A. as guest.

**Planning and Land Use:** Jim Humphrey stated that Wayne will testify on 7/19 on Leventhal's bill to eliminate MPDU buyouts. Annual Growth Policy (AGP): Council moving towards establishing 75% DIT in Metro Station Areas as financial incentives no longer needed to encourage growth in these areas. AGP is

still being negotiated. Should be passed by end of July but may be delayed due to continuing negotiations on transit adequacy test, PATR or PAMR. We need "stand alone" capacity tests for each aspect of the APFO. Need a quick lobbying effort to push these points with the Council. Jim will provide language.

**Environment:** Wayne and Caren continue to work on tree and forest conservation issues.

**Public Relations:** Wayne still trying to find a volunteer for this function. Needs list of things Lyle should update and do for the website.

**Legislation / Committee for Montgomery:** Dan reports that mortgage foreclosure issue may grow.

**Public Finance:** Marvin reports that MCPS will start working on their budget in September.

**Membership:** Peggy says that we will try to pick up some new member organizations from those who have been members of Allied Civic in the past.

**Old Business:** July Pot Luck Dinner praised for great food, great discussion and great minutes (thank you, Sandy!). We enjoyed having Councilmembers Floreen and Elrich attend and participate.

Marvin suggests MCCF and the Taxpayers League jointly sponsor a forum in September on the AGP, transportation and the PATR issues with MTL contributing \$500 to help fund it. Is this doable in such a short time? Jim will get a sense of the Council's schedule and time frame and report back.

Peggy & Luella will pick date for the 2008 Awards Banquet and book the restaurant.

Peggy will lobby Ike Leggett to insure citizen participation in the group to work on a process for "Orphaned Roads" to attain needed improvements.

It is suggested that committee chairs prepare end-of-the-year reports listing their issues and accomplishments.

Meeting adjourns at 10:10 p.m.

## Minutes of the August 23 Executive Committee Meeting

By Luella Mast, Acting Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** President Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM at Dan Wilhelm's home with 13 attending: Dennis, Gordon, Humphrey, Madsen, Mast, Sauer, Schrader, Shipman, Vogelgesang, Weinman, Wilhelm. Guest: Adam Pagnucco, Forest Estates Community Association.

**Minutes of the July 18 Executive Committee meeting.** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** L. Mast distributed the July and August reports. J. Humphrey moved approval of the proposed 2007-08 Budget as presented. Passed: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.

**Committee Reports: Education:** Wayne has an article critiquing Dr. Weast's tenure with MCPS in the Montgomery Extra section of The Washington Post. He was apparently asked to write the article partly as a result of the MCCF columns in the Montgomery County Sentinel. The Sentinel articles need to be updated on the website. MCPS's application for a Baldrige Award might make an interesting program.

**Environment:** Caren prepared a year-end committee report. The County should have a new Director for the Department of Environmental Protection soon. The last interviews are currently taking place. The new Forest Conservation Advisory Committee has openings with application deadline August 31.

**V.P. for Programs:** Arnie is organizing the September program with the Director of the Department of Permitting Services. Caren cannot organize program on Trees & Forest Conservation for October. Arnie will ask Chuck Lapinski if he can organize a program on WSSC for October. The November program with the Chief of Police remains as proposed. A program on Forest Conservation issues can be held in December or later. Arnie will contact Caren about asking Mark Pfefferle to switch his program to December and try to add additional speakers from Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Permitting Services. Future program ideas: Water Resources.

**Housing:** Jim reported. The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) report on the Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDU) program includes two important recommendations to improve the program: (1) better oversight for the Department of Housing and Community Development; (2) allow the Housing Opportunities Commission the right of last (not just first) refusal when MPDU units are sold. Changes in the current policy must be done by regulation, not by statute. Jim will prepare a short newsletter article explaining these issues and a resolution to be voted on at the September meeting that MCCF support OLO's recommended changes.

**Planning and Land Use:** Jim will testify at Sept. 11 public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 07-

10 which would amend the Central Business District (CBD) Zone to more closely link the funding of public amenities proffered by developers and the timetable for the development(s). Jim has been working with John Carter in M-NCPPC on his testimony. The current procedure for calculating amenities packages when using the optional method of development is unworkable.

We will need to follow the White Flint Master Plan as it is developed which includes a CBD Zone. Other master plans we are following: Twinbrook; Germantown (on hold until the status of the M-83 road project is final) and the Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan which has the same M-83 problem. Jim will testify on the West Gaithersburg plan and argue that it is a mistake to work on that plan until there is a final decision on M-83. We expect M-NCPPC to focus on local area master plans with staff work done over a two to six month timetable, a much shorter turn around time than plan development currently takes.

ZTA 07-11 will decrease the maximum impervious surface cap in special protection areas from 10 to 8% as the 10% cap has been found to provide insufficient stream quality protection, particularly in the Upper Paint Branch Stream Valley. ZTA 07-12 would increase the permitted size of accessory buildings from 50% to 75% of the size of the footprint of the main structure. Jim will contact Eileen Finnegan with Hillandale Citizens Association about this ZTA.

*Growth Policy Workshop:* The Taxpayers League is willing to fund (\$500) a workshop co-sponsored by MCCF on the new Growth Policy. Jim does not recommend such a workshop at this time. MCCF will support Councilmember Elrich and will ask for inclusion of a "stand alone" transit test as part of the plan. Currently transit availability and road capacity are tied together. For example, good transit masks inadequate road capacity in Bethesda while poor transit is masked by adequate road capacity in Poolesville.

**Re-zoning:** Developers at Bethesda's Christ Lutheran Church site have misled Park and Planning Board members regarding the position of community members on the development. Jim has written a letter to M-NCPPC staff noting our concerns.

Jim is working with Councilmember Knapp on problems concerning "child lots" in the Ag Reserve. Child lots on a farm have traditionally not required a record plat. This leads to problems when farm property with child lots is sold for development as is now the case in Clarksburg. Getting a record plat after the fact costs \$19,000 to \$21,000 and takes at least 9 months. Jim is working with Mr. Knapp to (a) notify current lot owners of the problem and (b) find a solution.

The Historic Preservation Commission voted 4 to 1 to designate the Falklands Apartments as an historic resource, the first step in getting protection. M-NCCPC has identified several neighborhood recreation centers for possible demolition: Lynnbrook, Norwood, Hillandale and Randolph Hills with no public input. Neighbors living around the Maryland College of Art and Design site on Georgia Avenue are trying to purchase the property for use as a local park using Legacy Open Space funds. Non-educational use of the property may be constrained by covenants.

**Transportation:** Wayne reported that Byron Bloch continues working on reflective striping for Randolph Road. Adam Pagnucco: The Forest Estates Community Association (FECA) has formed a working group to look at what can be done to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Forest Glen where residents on the east side of Georgia Avenue have no safe access to the Forest Glen Metro on the west side. A tunnel is not feasible. The Public Safety Advisory Committee originally established by Representative Bill Bronrott has been reestablished with funding for an educational initiative. FECA would like to see the formation of a six to eight officer special unit within the Police Department charged with enforcing pedestrian safety laws throughout the county. FECA would like MCCF's support for this initiative. Discussion: a unit similar to that described operates, or did operate, in Bethesda. The Department of Police is currently undermanned. Suggested action includes more research into the problem with Public Safety Chair, Chuck Floyd, a newsletter article and discussion at the November meeting.

**Committee for Montgomery (CfM):** Dan reported. It does not look like there will be a special session to deal with the state funding gap this fall. The Governor is looking for transportation funding though the operating budget. Ike Leggett will be the guest at the September 10 CfM meeting and Elaine Foster from the Maryland Department of Budget and Management at the October 1 meeting. Both should be good speakers. Meetings are held at the University of Maryland Shady Grove campus, are open to all, and start at 8 AM.

**Old Business:** P. Dennis recommends sending hard copy invitations to the May Awards Dinner to all elected officials this fall giving them plenty of time to put it on their calendars. **Newsletter:** P. Dennis: The deadline for the September newsletter is Sunday, August 26. Newsletter assignments were made.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed at 9:50 PM.

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 Bannockburn Civic Association\*  
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Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges
<b>Local Association</b> (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households - not paid members. Can not be a single local issue group.)	30 to 300		\$45*	2	Yes
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	601+		\$85*	4	
<b>Umbrella Association</b> (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue group.)	60 to 500		\$45*	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$65*	3	
	1001+		\$85*	4	
<b>Regional or County-Wide Organization</b> (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes
<b>Individual Associate</b>	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
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### **Federation Meeting**

Monday, September 10  
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium  
County Council Office Building,  
100 Maryland Ave.  
Rockville, MD

#### Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order  
7:46 Introduction and Announcements  
7:55 Adoption of Meeting Agenda  
7:56 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report  
8:00 Program: Dept. of Permitting Services  
9:15 Planning & Land Use Resolution  
9:20 Confirmation of Committee Chair appointments  
9:25 Committee Reports  
9:40 Member Issues  
9:45 Old Business  
9:55 New Business  
10:00 Adjourn

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### **NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, September 19, 7:45 p.m.

**Julius West Middle School**

651 Great Falls Road, Rockville



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