**MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Monthly Meeting**

**March 15, 2022 7:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES\* (Meeting conducted via Zoom)**

**Call to Order at 7:05 PM** Rich Salopek

**Approval of Minutes** Minutes of the January and February Meetings approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** Deferred to April Meeting

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Ben Wiles reported that Urban Design Guidelines effort is getting good response from the public ahead of the March 23 public meeting.
* Mars redevelopment – Mars met with Supervisor Foust in late January on a proposed project. Have purchased adjacent building. Existing (50,000); adjacent is 30,000. Tear down adjacent and expand by an additional 20,000. ~100,000 sf total. Might be a rezoning. MPC will review when it is further along.
* Senior living on Elm Street – site adjacent to Zumot property purchased by Mars. Either owner or other interested party gave County some rough numbers/uses, and Planner of the Day suggested proposal would not be in compliance with the Comp Plan. Ben Wiles suggests this was simply an inquiry.
* Tri-State – in second round of plans review. Will be resubmitting the ‘signature set’ in the near future.
* Bassing – hoping for ‘signature set’ in the next week or so, Hans Schmidt reported, with architectural drawings soon thereafter. Hoping for May groundbreaking.

**MRC Report**

* In conversation with McLean Project for the Arts to bring an art piece to the Listrani’s triangle.
* Placemaking – Discussed the Better Block Group, whose mission is to ‘create a place’. They utilize empty urban spaces to activate spaces.

**Ongoing Matters**

* Urban Design Guidelines – Process
  + Ben Wiles begain discussion, highlighting March 23 virtual public meeting. Merrily Pierce began recapping the second meeting of the Advisory Group. ‘Show and tell’ of personal examples of good urban design.
* McLean Central Park – FCPA Public Meeting March 2
  + Alan Edwards reported on a recent FCPA public meeting.
  + Not going to replace two tennis courts with a dog park.
  + Amphitheater scaled back to a multi-use pavilion.

* Giant Redevelopment Update
  + Third submission is under County review.
  + No major changes were incoprorated to the site plan.

**New Matters**

* MPC Meeting Format
  + Ben Wiles reported that his office is still mostly in ‘virtual mode’
  + Consensus to remain meeting virtually for the time being
* MPC Officer Discussion for Next Year
  + CLA turn to be President next year
  + Tom Passarelli reported that discussion among CLA reps has commenced and will report back in the coming months.
  + It was suggested that perhaps the MPC by-laws should be rewritten to make officer terms one year rather than two years.

**Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be February 16, 2021 (starting at 7pm).

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Directors:**

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| **MCA** | **SCA** | **GMCC** | **CL** |
| **Rich Salopek** | **Andrew Serafin** | **Alan Edwards** | **Christofer Zumot** |
| **Maya Huber** | **Craig Bennett** | **Brian Berry** |  |
| **Merrily Pierce** | **Winnie Pizzano** | **Dennis Findley** | **Hans Schmidt** |
| **Roshan Badii** | **Jim O’Looney** |  | **Tom Passarelli** |

**Alternates:**

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| Jen Jones | Kathleen Wysocki | **Ann Seaman** |  |
| Connie Fan |  | Paul Kohlenberger |  |
| Jenn Longmeyer-Wood |  |  |  |

Guests:

Phil Cooke (McLean Citizens Association)

Sharon Gamble (Salona Village Citizens Association)

April Georgelas

Bob Perito (McLean Citizens Association)

Ben Wiles (Supervisor Foust’s Office)

**End of Meeting Minutes\*.**

*\*Minutes prepared by Paul Kohlenberger.*