Maplewood Citizens Association

Annual General Membership Meeting May 16, 2018

**Draft Minutes:**

Attendees: Allen Myers, president; Mary Jo Deering, vice-president, Hugh Barteman, treasurer, Jo Batky, secretary and at least 30 others. The meeting convened at 7:35 pm.

Presentation by French International School (FIS) for proposed new elementary school-Helene Legal-Fabre (COO) and others:

The current zone at FASEB is for a private educational organization (501C3).

FIS has total of 1100 students in three locations. Propose new school at FASEB site to accommodate 700 students. Propose 126 staff and 86 auxiliary staff.

Plan to reduce to two locations. FASEB site will house students in preK-5. Currently Forest Road houses 5-12. The proposed site is 11 acres. It is under contract, hoping to settle fall 2018. Plan demolition end of 2018, construction beginning early 2019, opening in 2020. The traffic study has been submitted to the MD Capital Park & Planning Committee.

FIS owns 14 buses and currently runs 12 bus routes. Plan to keep buses on site. Over 50% of students ride bus. Activities will run between 7am and 7 pm. No weekend activities are planned.

Proposal is for two entrances, both on Rockville Pike, one for cars, one for buses. The carpool que holds 70 cars. Plan is NO cut through traffic on Alta Vista or any neighborhood road and no pedestrian access from Alta Vista Road. Access to Pooks Hill Road only for emergency use. Entire site to be fenced.

Plan to shuttle (buses) students between current Forest location and new FASEB location. State they will transport from FIS to FASEB along Beech/Linden/Pooks Hill. Plan to go from FASEB to FIS on Rockville Pike and Cedar Lane. State they will not utilize Alta Vista Road in order to satisfy Maplewood residents’ concerns.

Plan to continue to lease out part of FASEB office building, including 60 FASEB employees. The barn and a small house will be removed. Plan to maintain forested area on south side of campus.

Questions by the residents are mainly concerning traffic.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Treasurer’s Report- Report dated 2/1/2018-5/16/18 was presented by Hugh and approved by motion of Alan Schecter. Ending balance: $11,741.21. Currently 143 members.

Secretary’s Report-Report from 1/31/18 (by Mary Jo Deering) was approved per motion by Judy Baker.

Discussion/Vote on MCA testimony concerning FIS school:

Allen led a discussion concerning zoning, traffic, bus parking, alternative development options, etc. After much dialogue, a motion by Michael Tobias was approved to authorize Allen Myers to represent MCA in meeting with county officials about the FIS proposal for use of the FASEB property. Allen will notify by listserv and future MCA meetings as to FIS

progress. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Approval of Expenses for 2018 Spring Social- The March MCA General meeting was cancelled due to snow. Therefore we needed to retroactively approve the Spring Social budget. Per motion of Barbara Harrison, a budget of $1976.86 was approved. Motion by Dan Pierce was approved to tip the Fire Department $100 and the Bethesda Rescue Squad $100 for attending the Spring Social and providing a demonstration.

Approval of $200 donation to WJHS: Motion by Carl Wilkerson was approved to donate $200 to Walter Johnson High School for the 2018 after-prom breakfast and to annually donate $200 to the same cause if requested.

Election of officers for MCA 2018-2019 membership year-Per Barbara Harrison, the election committee presented the following slate of officers: Allen Myers, president; Bob Fisher, vice-president; Alan Goldhammer, treasurer; Jason Pagett, secretary. The officers were all elected by unanimous membership approval.

Establishment of dues for 2018-2019 membership year-As recommended by the executive committee, per membership vote, the dues will continue at $25/year/household.

Allen and the membership presented $100 to Mike Naas in appreciation for his continual assistance at the KOC meetings and functions.

Maplewood Village Report: Mary Jo Deering reported that our village has begun collaboration with the neighboring Wyngate village. Wyngate has an established system of providing services which Maplewood residents are invited to request. Further information will be provided in the listserv.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Jo Batky, secretary