

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Virtual Meeting via Zoom
 January 13, 2021

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rob Kolb
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Ann Collins	Mark Thompson
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland
		Rick Hutson	

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 8:03 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from December: Postponed, not ready yet

Treasurer Report: Balance is \$1251.23 as of today (Bruce)

Membership Report: Kudos to Ann, 9 new members, incl. 2 from Harbor View, \$425 donated to MNCA

Public Meeting on Harmony Hills: Scheduled for March 10.

“Caution—Slow” on Gunston Road: Unofficial sign put up by anonymous person just before the section where the utility pole has been taken out twice by careless drivers.

Presentation by Dominion Power on its plans for underground power on Feb 1 or 2: Will be Zoom presentation for the Board, Dominion will send the invitations. Don’t know exactly what they will cover. One question: will utility poles still be needed for phone and internet service?

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at ???

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
March 3, 2021

Note: There was no meeting in February

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayoa	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Mark Thompson
			Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at about 7:375 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from December and January: Motion to approve passed (Hillary/Peter))

Treasurer Report: \$1706.61 in bank, \$241.85 in PayPal, total \$1948.45 available; includes \$845 in donations to MNCA since membership is now free to Neck residents with an email address.

Membership: Currently 82 (households, not individuals) but 365 receive our emails.

Harmony Hills: No further action needed.

Discussion of proposed indoor ski facility in Lorton:

- There are similar facilities in Europe but none in the US.
- The company has a good track record.
- The site abuts Occoquan Park and the river but is not on the ESI landfill site.
- Would accommodate 135 users, don't expect a big impact on traffic.

Dominion Power presentation to the Board on power outages: Lots of good statistics but didn't fully answer Neck residents' concerns about power interruptions on Gunston Rd.

Cars hitting the utility poles on Gunston Rd. west of the state park: Several recent collisions causing power outages, guard rails might be an answer; Bruce noted that the main problem pole is much closer to the road than regulations allow.

Hooff Property: (Actually several properties totaling approximately 300 acres). We understand that the family plans to keep it as a farm and have a contact who will keep us informed.

Mason Neck State Park: The bill providing funds to connect that park's water to the County system awaits the governor's signature; it currently relies on well water. Thank-you's to Senator Surovell and Delegate Tran for their support on this issue.

- With Covid causing very high attendance at the park, it was suggested that the "Park Full" sign could be relocated to give visitors earlier notice that it is full.

Gunston Hall Notes (from Board member and GH Director Stroh): Private donations are up and the bill providing additional state funding awaits the governor's signature. And GH has provided 50 well-attended virtual programs since last March.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:32 (Marvin/Bruce)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ **Online via Zoom**

May 5, 2021

Note: There was no meeting in April

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rob Kolb
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Mark Thompson
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland
		Rick Hutson	

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from March : Motion to approve passed, with correction of the start time,

Treasurer Report: No change--\$1948.46 on hand. (Bruce)

Membership report: Four added since March. (Rick)

Dangerous utility pole on Gunston Road approaching the state park: Too close to the road, has been hit twice by cars in recent months, knocking out power eastward from the pole. Moving the pole would require an easement—Scott noted that Gunston Hall has obtained other easements along Gunston Road without much difficulty.

- Motion passed to approach Supervisor Storck, Senator Surovell, and Delegate Tran and request that they ask Dominion Power to commit to moving this pole, and a similar one nearby, if an easement is obtained. (Marvin/Arsenio)

Old Colchester Bridge over Pohick Creek—closed due to safety concerns: Peter reported that a replacement bridge has been ordered but not yet delivered, so probably three more months until it is in operation; South County Federation will discuss at its next meeting.

BLM’s proposed 80-foot by 180-foot pavilion and two-acre parking lot at Meadowood: The public received notification of the plan in mid-April, along with a link to BLM’s document describing the project and its proposed location off of Harley Road, very close to Gunston Road, and requesting comments by May 6. Most of the Board members read at least part of the BLM report and participated in a Zoom meeting with three BLM officials on April 26. The members stressed that more time was needed for public comment and BLM agreed to move the deadline back to May 21. The pavilion would be the site for future horse and burro adoptions and for BLM educational programs, with possible use by other groups.

- With all 13 Board members participating there was a lengthy discussion of the plan, especially the fact that BLM had looked at three possible locations before settling on Harley Road; the other two sites were much farther back from Gunston Road, near where the horse and burro adoption events have been held in the past. .
- Concerns were raised about the impact on traffic on Harley and Gunston Roads, possible interference with access to the trail head at that location, and the visual impact of such a large structure and parking lot so close to Gunston Road.
- The Boar them voted 12-0, with one abstention because of a possible conflict of interest, for the following resolution, for sending to our elected officials and others: **"We support the project but we are opposed to the proposed location at Harley Road."**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:56.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via

Zoom

June 2, 2021

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<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from May: Motion to approve passed, (Marvin/Peter)

Treasurer Report: Current balance is \$1098.64. (Bruce)

Membership: Three requests to join, no recent donations. (Rick and Peter)

BLM Pavilion Project: BLM is considering a public hearing, several of our political reps support our position—pavilion is good but proposed location isn't. Rick asked how we can stay informed—Marvin replied that Congressman Beyer can do that.

Pohick Creek Bridge Replacement: Peter talked to VDOT person in charge—new bridge not delivered yet due to supply problems, project might be complete in two months.

Replacement of Utility Poles: (Several poles are too close to Gunston Road, one has been hit twice by vehicles, causing power outage.) No

news, but VDOT trucks were at the site recently, possibly doing a survey. Scott has talked to Senator Surovell and Delegate Tran; Scott's experience with getting easements on Gunston Road for Gunston Hall should help.

Endurance Event at BLM: Rob participated, ran about 100 miles; total of 42 participants, winner ran about 230 miles over two-plus days!

Board Member Mark Thompson: His resignation, due to his moving to Virginia Beach, was accepted, with thanks for his years of service.

Senator Surovell: Requested that MNCA write a letter of support for getting underground utilities on Gunston Road and for replacing the other bridge on Old Colchester.

Laurel Hill Ribbon Cutting: June 25 at 10:00.

Planned Indoor Ski Facility in Lorton: Peter mentioned a recent news article about it.

Supervisor Storck's Environmental Expo: At Fort Hunt on June 26, Hillary will attend.

Friends of Meadowood Meeting: Peter mentioned that it will be on June 5.

Evacuation Plan for Mason Neck? Hillary asked if a plan exists, given that Gunston Road was recently closed for three hours; Marvin will ask Jonathan Kiell.

Next MNCA General Membership Meeting: Motion passed to start planning for it in the September time frame, Rick, Nancy, and Hillary will work on it. A postcard will be mailed to all postal addresses on Mason Neck when the details are finalized.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:35.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting

~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via Zoom

July 7, 2021

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 8:05 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from June: Not done yet.

Treasurer Report: No, treasurer not present.

BLM Pavilion Plan: Plan is unchanged at this point despite several of our political reps (Congressmen Connolly and Beyer and Delegate Tran) have called or written BLM asking it to consider an alternate location or allow more time for discussion of the issue. BLM apparently doesn't want to engage with VDOT or Fairfax County, although it will have to deal with the latter to get a water line to the pavilion. Marvin suggested that there might be grounds to sue BLM.

Progress on New Bridge over Pohick Creek: A crane is on site and the bridge is being assembled.

Stop Light on Old Colchester? One was there temporarily while a guard rail was being installed.

Utility Poles on Gunston Road: No news concerning movement of the poles farther away from the road, but additional curve warning signs have been put in place.

Friends of Mason Neck State Park: Friends President Hillary noted that their annual meeting took place on July 11 on Zoom and had a presentation on "What Lives in the Park" that featured the nature photographs of Mason Neck resident Randy Streufert. The members also voted to add Dick Harless, John Rand, and John Romano to the Board of Directors (the first two are Neck residents). And the Friends are participating in the "Escape to Mason Neck" advertising campaign.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at ??

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting

~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via Zoom

August 4, 2021

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:37 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from June and July: Motion to approve passed, with correction of the dollar amount reported by the Treasurer (Peter/Dick)

Treasurer Report: \$1968.40 on hand as of June 2

Membership Report: Three new members, all from Hallowing Point; no donations

BLM Pavilion Plans: Nancy read part of a July 26 statement by the acting BLM manager—they are proceeding with their plan, despite opposition from MNCA and others. Marvin commented that current managers are less open to community input than their predecessors—he will look into possible other steps that we might take, perhaps in coordination with Senator Surovell.

Replacement Bridge Over Pohick Creek: Likely open middle of next wee.k.

Utility Poles on Gunston Road That Are Too Close to the Road: No word on mvng them farther back but a Dominon truck was seen there yesterday.

Replacement for Board Member Mark Thompson (who has moved to Virginia Beach): We can choose a replacement but aren't required to since our bylaws only require the number of members to be from 9 to 15.

New Fairfax Police Chief Davis: Had a meet-the-public session at Gunston Hall, hosted by Fairfax's Communities of Trust (which is headed by Mason Neck Resident Shirley Ginwright). Nancy, Hillary, and Dick attended and were favorably impressed; he gave Nancy his card and said he was open to other meetings with people from our area. We will look into having a Zoom meeting with the heads of the various Neck organizations so that we can have a coordinated approach to future contacts with Chief Davis.

Candidates Night: We want to resume this year after skipping 2020 because of Covid. Marvin is our usual intermediary and he will contact the candidates to find the date in October that works best for them.

New Restaurants/Supermarkets Coming to Lorton: Several mentioned, including Amazon Fresh, Lidl, Panera, and a Mexican restaurant on Silverbrook Road that already has opened.

Coming Events: Mason Neck Day at Gunston Hall on August 12, and an LCAC event on September 26, also at Gunston Hall.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:20'

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via Zoom
September 1, 2021

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
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President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:33 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from August : Motion to approve passed, (Peter/Hillary)

Treasurer Report: Probably no change since August (Treasurer not present)

Old Colchester Bridge over Pohick Creek: New bridge is now open!

Utility Poles on Gunston Road: Gunston Hall has signed off on all the required easements but no action yet; Peter noted that VDOT initially approved replacing two poles, now has upped that to three, but there are five poles that are too close to the road.

Proposed Mason Neck Law Enforcement Group: Nancy will lead, says the idea is moving forward with target of meeting in September. She has talked to the Franconia Police Precinct and is looking at names of possible participants—noted that the Pohick Bay Regional Park manager is leaving.

Shiloh Baptist Church Dedication Scheduled for September 12: Scott noted that Gunston Hall has a long-standing relationship with the church (which is just across the road from Gunston Hall).

Discussion of What Emails MNCA Should Send to Members: Basically there shouldn't be too many, they should only concern subjects of interest to Neck residents, and they should not show favoritism on issues such as politics and religion.

Traffic Congestion at Gunston Elementary: Due to Covid19 and shortage of bus drivers, worst during morning drop-offs; Annie mentioned similar problem for drivers exiting Harbor View.

Mason Neck Multi-Use Trail—Next Section: (From the golf course to Route 1)--MNCA will write letter of support.

Archeology Meeting at Gunston Hall: Rick attended, said Scott gave a great talk about the archeological research and George Mason.

Major New Development Coming Near Mason Neck: Peter mentioned two—near Fort Belvoir and on Belmont Bay; on the latter, Alpine X will present its plans for an indoor ski facility to the South County Federation

Fairfax Supervisory Districts: Mentioned that redistricting could result in a South County district.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:33

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online meeting
October 6, 2021

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<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
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Note: Minutes taken by Annie because Dick's Internet connection was very bad,

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Old business:

Minutes from September: Motion passed unanimously to accept @7:43 pm

Treasurer Report: Bruce needs a previous invoice from Dick (NB: about \$100 for our annual PO box fee), otherwise balance remains unchanged at \$1968.46; no new donations. **Motion passed** unanimously to accept treasurer's report

New business:

Status of VDOT utilities pole work: Two new poles have been installed, but no rewiring completed, so the old poles remain dangerously close to the road. At least one more pole is expected to be installed. No additional plans for guardrails, or other safety measures at this time.

Redistricting efforts in Fairfax County: With new census data, board of supervisors has appointed a committee to look at adding districts, or redistricting. South County Federation has presented several options to the redistricting committee, which will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Dan Storck has appointed former supervisor Gerry Highland to be a member of the committee to lobby for a 10th district—a South Fairfax Magisterial district. There are currently 40 proposals for redistricting before the committee.

- Fairfax County's population is 1.145 million--divided by 10 gives 115,000 people per district and the current Mt Vernon has 148,000. Fort Belvoir looks like a natural dividing line, since Mt Vernon and South County have different needs.
- November 9 is the next opportunity to present this request to the Board of Supervisors and MNCA can sign up to speak in support of the addition of a 10th magisterial district. Nancy will circulate a vote/sign up to support.
- Fairfax county redistricting link on [fairfax.gov](https://www.fairfax.gov) for impacts on redistricting

Mason Neck Law Enforcement Virtual Meeting held: It was a good meeting for networking and connecting. All the parks were represented and the new Fairfax County Franconia District captain and deputy attended. Scott outlined the unique challenges for Gunston Hall, and US Fish and Wildlife can share in patrolling. Pohick holiday weekends are contracted out for additional support.

Old Colchester Traffic: VDOT is collecting data on traffic and speed on Gunston Road and Old Colchester.

Other updates:

- The Gunston Hall garden unveiling was a great success and lovely evening.
- South County Meeting next Tuesday regarding waste management, the ESI landfill, and creating an overlook park.
- The Alpine X indoor ski facility is progressing,
- There is a metro study about extending metro or BRT to Quantico.
- AWS is building a server farm on Loisdale road and at other locations in Fairfax County.
- Panera starting construction this fall, on Gunston Cove Rd.
- Amazon Fresh and Lidl are still coming to Lorton.
- “Park after Dark” will be on October 16th at Mason Neck State Park

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at about 8:30???

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
 Gunston Hall Auditorium
 November 3, 2021

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Note: Minutes taken by Rick in Dick's absence,

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:30 and the following were discussed:

Old business:

Minutes from October 6th meeting approved: **Motion passed unanimously to accept.**

Treasurer Report: Bruce unable to attend meeting, communicated Treasury balance via email. Balance remains unchanged at \$1968.46; no new donations.

Membership Report: No new members or donations since the October meeting

Redistricting efforts in Fairfax County:

Availability of the board to attend the November 9 (3:00 pm) meeting in person to speak in support of the addition of a 10th magisterial district was unclear. Nancy will look into submitting a Youtube video representing the Board's support of a 10th magisterial district.

New business:

Paving of Gunston Road: Recent Paving of Gunston Road had removed a number of "Crosswalks". Peter had submitted a letter to Dan Storks office asking that the "Crosswalks" be added back.

Trail Guide Signs: Trail guide signs (supplied by the Mason Neck Horse Coalition) have been added to the Gunston Rd multi-purpose trail designating who should yield to who when using the trail (i.e. Bikes<Pedestrians<Horses).

Rizers proposed to change lot line: Rizers (property across from Pohick Bay entrance) sent letter to MNCA and their surrounding neighbors stating their intent to change the boarder line of their property.

Status of VDOT utilities pole work: Dominion has moved the electric lines to the recently installed two new poles. No indication when the remaining lines (Verizon and Cox cable) and poles will be removed.

Gunston Hall 20 year plan: Scott reminded the Board of the previous Gunston Hall 20 year plan that had been derived with input from various stakeholders. As a part of this plan “Gunston Hall” is preparing to rebuild the “Visitor Center” and as a first step “Gunston Hall” would like to hold a number of scoping meetings with various stakeholders to get their input and vision in this process. The goal of “Gunston Hall” is to have this project completed by 2026 for the Nations Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary. A group of MNCA Board Members and others will be asked to participate in these scoping meetings over the next few months.

Motion to support Gunston Hall in the above: passed unanimously

Other updates:

- Panera starting construction on Gunston Cove Rd Nov 15.
- Amazon Fresh and Lidl are still coming to Lorton.

Next Board Meeting: Options for a December Board meeting were discussed.

Motion to adjourn: Passed 8:08 pm.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via Zoom
December 1, 2021

Attendees in bold face:

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from November: Motion to approve passed, (Dick/Marvin (I think))

Treasurer Report: Nothing new.

Membership Report: Nothing new.

Donations Report: Nothing new.

Political Redistricting (Fairfax County): The Board of Supervisors will vote on Dec. 7 on the proposed changes in precinct boundaries to reflect population changes but appear unlikely to approve creating a tenth supervisory district .

Planned New Fire Station on Gunston Road: Funding was approved in a 2018 referendum for a new and larger firehouse to replace the existing one. The plan is for a two-story structure, with living quarters on the top level and a lower level than can accommodate more fire trucks than the current structure. But the design is not settled yet and there will be an online meeting on Dec. 15 to solicit comments and suggestions from the Mason neck community.

Miscellaneous:

- Hillary mentioned the upcoming annual “Swanfall” event by the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, and also noted that the park has a new assistant manager.
- Peter mentioned that Allison Mills is hosting a horse show with 50 riders.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:10