

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, January 9, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Bruce Scott	President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Bob Lee (absent)
Pam Cressey (absent)	Vice President	Marilyn Hildebeidel(absent)	Marvin Miller
Lucia Ferguson	Secretary	Rick Hutson	Cindy Rufty (absent)
John Pionzio (absent)	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting that convened at 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2008:

Approval of December 4, 2007 Minutes

1. Motion to approve the minutes presented by Marvin Miller, Bruce Scot seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

GMU/ICAR update

1. The December 2007 meeting with Marvin Miller, Bruce Scott and GMU key personnel was postponed; another meeting will be scheduled for 1Q 2008.
2. MNCA position remains the same – we ask GMU to state their goals and intent for the proposed sewer treatment facility.
3. MNCA requests a reduction in the permit size from 250K gallons/ day to 10K gallons/ day, as originally granted.

Nominating Committee

1. Peter Weyland introduced the schedule that he will post on our website.

Welcome to Mason Neck sign

1. Bruce Scott introduces a motion to consider funding for a sign; Marvin Miller seconds.
2. Peter Weyland will ask Derrick Havens for a design and cost estimate and invite him to present findings at our February Board meeting for further discussion and consideration.

Building on Northeast corner of Gunston Rd. and Old Colchester

1. Marvin Miller makes a motion to contact Fairfax County regarding this unsafe structure; Peter Weyland seconds the motion.
2. Bruce Scott will contact Gerry Hyland’s office to explore options for an equitable resolution.

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General Meeting – February 19, 2008

1. Bruce Scott will get in touch with his contact at Dominion Power for a presentation.
2. Bruce Scott will also contact a representative from DeWitt Hospital to attend and present information.
3. The group suggests Kim Kern contact INOVA Health and asks a representative to discuss their newest facility in Lorton.

Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 7:30pm**Meeting Adjournment**

1. Marvin Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lucia Ferguson. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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John Pionzio	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

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Special Guest Linwood Gorham provided updates on local items such as BRAC, South County Middle School and the Pirates Cove swim structure at Pohick Bay Park, including sponsorship opportunities.

Marvin Miller made a motion to allocate an expenditure of \$300 to sponsor Pirates Cove; seconded by Peter Weyland and approved unanimously.

Approval of January 9, 2007 Minutes

1. Motion to approve the minutes presented by Marvin Miller, Peter Weyland seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

GMU/ICAR update

1. Marvin Miller met with key stakeholders and as a result, the President of GMU sent a letter to the Board. Marvin will distribute the letter to this body.
2. Marvin Miller and Lucia Ferguson will meet with leadership of the Point of View (POV) project on an ongoing basis and provide regular updates to the Board.

Nominating Committee

1. Subsequent to a discussion surrounding possible candidates, the following persons comprise the 2008 Nominating Committee: Marilyn Hildebeidel, Linwood Gorham, Gary Knipling, John Pionzio and Bruce Scott.
2. Lucia Ferguson will distribute the Board Election Schedule to the committee.

2/19/2008 General Meeting

1. We will seek nominations for Officers and Board of Directors at this meeting.

Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:30pm

Meeting Adjournment

1. John Pionzio motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Marvin Miller. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
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Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, March 5, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Bruce Scott	President	Tam Harvie	Bob Lee
Pam Cressey (absent)	Vice President	Marilyn Hildebeidel	Marvin Miller
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John Pionzio	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

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1. Motion to approve the minutes presented by Marvin Miller, Bruce Scott seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

GMU/ICAR update

1. Marvin Miller and Lucia Ferguson met with the President of GMU (Dr. Alan Merten) who agreed to establish ongoing meetings to include Sarah Cobb, Tom Calhoun, Marvin Miller, Lucia Ferguson and other interested MNCA Board members.
2. Marvin Miller writes a synopsis of the meeting with Dr. Merten to post on the MNCA website.
3. Discussion surrounding an email received from a local journalist. Peter volunteers to speak privately with the individual to garner support for our efforts.

Award - Senators Gartlan and Davis

1. Marvin Miller introduced action item: present an award to Joe Gartlan and Tom Davis to recognize their tireless efforts supporting the Mason Neck community. John Pionzio makes the motion; Bruce Scott seconds. Award presentation scheduled for April 19 during the Eagle Festival.
2. Marvin Miller will develop award program.
3. MNCA will staff a table during the entire event. Volunteers needed to staff and recruit new members.

Mason Neck Historic Overlay

1. The Board endorses the County's recommendation for low impact development. The Board will explore including the Lebanon parcel and approach the FCPA to include Mason Neck West Park, (the former) Giles Run stables and the property settled by the Tauxemont Indian tribe (between Old Colchester Road and the Fairfax Yacht Club).
2. On behalf of MNCA, Bruce Scott will draft the request and send to Supervisor Hyland.

Nominating Committee

1. Marilyn Hildebeidel to send an email asking current board members if they wish to remain, depart, or to serve in another position.

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April 5 Clean-Up/Pohick Creek

1. The Alice Ferguson Foundation hosts the annual clean up. Available MNCA members will take part. Direction and meeting site posted on the Foundation website.
2. South County Secondary School requires volunteer service hours of juniors and seniors. Bruce Scott will identify a school contact and ask students be made aware of and participate in clean up.
3. Rick Hutson asks permission to advertise the clean up utilizing MNCA signs. John Pionzio makes a motion; Marvin Miller seconds. Rick Hutson will re design and use signage.
4. Joe Chudzik requests funds from MNCA to support the up coming clean up. Rick Hutson makes a motion to provide funds; Peter Weyland seconds (up to \$200).

Professional Welcome Sign

1. Discussion tabled until next meeting. Board will review the design, price and identify a location(s) based upon cost factors.

Stop Signs

1. Jim York (Hallowing Point HOA) has asked the Board to support installing stop signs at key intersections between Gunston Road and Lorton Marketplace. Peter Weyland motions to approve the request; Bruce Scott seconds. Rick Hutson will communicate our support; Jim York is responsible for contacting VDOT.

Pedestrian Crosswalk

1. Marvin Miller asks the Board for a resolution to ask VDOT to install a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Route 1 and Gunston Cove Road. Bruce Scott makes the motion; Lucia Ferguson seconds. Next steps will be determined at a future meeting.

CSX Bridge at Route 1

1. Bruce Scott will send a letter asking Supervisor Hyland what plans are in development (State, County, DOD or CSX level) to minimize southbound traffic congestion at this site.

House Project at Gunston/Old Colchester Roads

1. Although in the midst of demolition, owner now plans to restore building and may ask the County for funding to complete project as part of the Historic Overlay.

Mount Vernon Community Parking Districts (CPDs)

1. Lucia Ferguson provided an overview of the County's plan to institute CPDs. She will email to Board members the information received from Supervisor Hyland.

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 2, 2008 @ 7:30pm

General Membership Meeting - May 20, 2008

1. Ideas needed for guest speakers/presentations.

Meeting Adjournment

1. Marvin Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Peter Weyland. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
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7:30pm, April 2, 2008

Attendees

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Bruce Scott (absent)	President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Bob Lee
Pam Cressey (absent)	Vice President	Marilyn Hildebeidel(absent)	Marvin Miller
Lucia Ferguson	Secretary	Rick Hutson	Cindy Ruffy
John Pionzio	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting that convened at 7:40pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2008:

Welcome to Mason Neck Signage

1. Derek Havens presented several renderings of "Welcome" signs for consideration. The board must decide where, what type of signs, plus the monies needed to complete the project.
2. We acknowledge that fundraisers will be necessary and the signs are to be constructed of durable materials.
3. Derek will attend our May board meeting and present a second set of drawings to include our initial feedback.
4. The BLM received a grant to construct an information kiosk on Gunston Rd. The site, just beyond the elementary school is one of three sites under consideration for placement of one sign; the north and south ends of Old Colchester Rd. are also under consideration for the second and third signs.
5. MNCA will work closely with Estie Steiffel (BLM) during the planning and construction stages.
6. Bob Lee introduced an alternative street sign proposal, no action taken by the board.

Approval of March 5, 2008 Minutes

1. Motion to approve the minutes presented by Bob Lee, John Pionzio seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

GMU/ICAR update

1. Marvin Miller and Lucia Ferguson will reach out to Sara Cobb and develop a schedule for regular meetings.

Eagle Fest (4/19/2008)

1. MNCA will staff a table during the entire event.
2. Areas of responsibility identified and volunteers assigned.
3. Preservationist Awards will be presented to Congressman Davis and Senator Gartlan.

Nominating Committee

1. Peter Weyland reports the committee has met and is on track.

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Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 7, 2008 @ 7:30pm**General Membership Meeting - May 20, 2008**

1. Ideas needed for guest speakers/presentations.

Meeting Adjournment

1. John Pionzio motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Marvin Miller. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, May 7, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Bruce Scott (absent)	President	Tam Harvie	Bob Lee (absent)
Pam Cressey (absent)	Vice President	Marilyn Hildebeidel	Marvin Miller
Lucia Ferguson	Secretary	Rick Hutson	Cindy Ruffy
John Pionzio	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting that convened at 7:40pm on Wednesday, May 7, 2008:

Dave Kyle - introduction

1. The Nominating Committee approached Dave Kyle and asked that he consider joining the board; he is observing prior to making a commitment.
2. Towards the conclusion of the meeting, Dave expressed his intention to run and planned to forward his candidate statement.

Welcome to Mason Neck Signage

1. Derek Havens presented examples of large and small welcome signs for review. After a brief discussion, Peter Weyland motions; Marvin Miller seconds and the board approves concept #1 for the large sign and will pursue a cost analysis.
2. Lucia Ferguson makes a motion; Rick Hutson seconds and the board approves concept #2 for the small sign and pursuit of a cost analysis.
3. Derek Havens agrees to provide data associated with costs for our June board meeting.
4. Derek also advises we seriously consider durability, longevity, and factor into the materials we select for construction.
5. In order to move forward, MNCA must speak with Gary Knipling and VDOT to coordinate site selection (e.g., set back, rights of way, obstructions, etc.). Peter Weyland volunteers to contact Gary Knipling.
6. MNCA must also establish funding for the project, if we are to move forward

Approval of April 2, 2008 Minutes

1. Motion to approve the minutes presented by John Pionzio, Cindy Ruffy seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

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General Meeting date/agenda

1. New date is June 17, 2008; Lucia Ferguson has already reserved Gunston Hall. In addition to the election, possible agenda items discussed were a representative from NVRPA to provide information on Pirates Cove at Pohick Bay Park and Linwood Gorham to demonstrate his Lorton website [*MoreFunInLorton.com*]. Rick Hutson volunteers to make an inquiry about participants.

Nominating Committee letter/ballot

1. The 2008 Slate of Candidates will be mailed to residents of Mason Neck. Self-nominations and candidate statements must be received no later than June 3, 2008.
2. John Pionzio agrees to bring any self-nominations/candidate statements to the June board meeting.
3. Deadline to mail the general election package (letter, ballot, candidate statements, and return envelope) is June 7, 2008.
4. The Nominating Committee will identify election officers to open and count ballots during the general meeting on June 17.

Adopt-A-Highway

1. Prior to the meeting, Rick Hutson contacted VDOT identified himself as the primary contact person and renewed our permit. Rick will notify Joe Chudzik of our status.
2. The board recommends identifying another organization to take responsibility for the section of Gunston Rd. initially adopted by the Lard Butt organization.

Fort Belvoir Connector Trail

1. Discussion tabled until June board meeting

Air Traffic

1. Discussion tabled until June board meeting

Old Business

1. Eagle Fest – all agree the event was successful. However, for 2009 we will proactively plan and provide MNCA swag in addition to Gary Knipling's maps
2. ICAR – Rick Hutson volunteers to join Marvin Miller, Sara Cobb, et. al., at the regularly scheduled meetings. Meetings will commence after the General Election.

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New Business

1. Peter Weyland states he received a request from a local resident asking the board for [support? money?] concerning construction of a tennis backboard for Mason Neck West Park.
2. The board must get additional information, make a motion and vote.
3. Peter Weyland will provide additional information and if the board approves the motion, Lucia Ferguson will draft correspondence to Gerry Hyland.

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 4, 2008 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Adjournment

1. Rick Hutson motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Pionzio. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Pam Cressey (absent)	Vice President	Marilyn Hildebeidel (absent)	Marvin Miller
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Secretary	Rick Hutson	Cindy Ruffy (absent)
John Pionzio (absent)	Treasurer	Kimberly Kern(absent)	Peter Weyland

President Bruce Scott called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Bob Lee acted as Secretary.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Dave Kyle

1. Dave Kyle attended the meeting as an observer in anticipation of his candidacy for the Board. He asked that the Ballot show his name as Dave Kyle II to distinguish him from his father.

Welcome to Mason Neck Signage

1. Tam Harvie introduced a sign proposal from Gerry Lyons titled, "Working Toward a Visual Identity for Mason Neck: Discovering Mason Neck." The report was turned over to Peter Weyland to incorporate into thoughts already generated by Derek Havens.

Approval of May 7, 2008 Minutes

The minutes were accepted without objection.

June 17th General Membership Meeting

1. Mailing should be sent on June 7th. Lucia, Marilyn and John presumed to have control of it.
2. Rick Hutson to bring a PowerPoint Projector.
3. Bob Lee to bring a laptop.
4. Bruce Scott recommends bringing extension cords as well.

Fort Belvoir Connector Trail

1. A recommendation was made and accepted to submit a letter (provided to the board in draft form) to Senators Webb and Warner and Congressman Moran.

Air Traffic

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1. Bob Lee explained a concern received from a neighbor in Springfield Farms regarding commercial air traffic flying over Mason Neck. No one on the board could corroborate the complaint, except for noise from military aircraft. The Board will watch the issue.

Tennis Backboard at Mason Neck West Park

1. Peter Weyland was given approval to pursue installing one with the appropriate Park Authority.

Crosswalk Markings at Route 1 and Gunston Road

1. Bruce Scott has sent a letter to VDOT recommending same, with a copy to Tom Howard at Supervisor Hyland's Office.

New Business

1. The concept of Fairfax County Neighborhood Awards was discussed and the idea that such funding could be used for the signage project was supported. Since the signage concept is not yet approved, the Board decided to postpone any application for funds until after the July 2, 2008 first filing date. There is another deadline on November 26, 2008.
2. Rick Hutson will take up a discussion with Gunston Hall regarding food and/or coffee at future meetings.

Bills Received

\$157.60 to Marvin Miller for payment to Dick's Trophies (Eagle Fest Awards)

\$50.00 to Virginia State Corporation Commission (Annual Fee)

Adjournment

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
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Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, July 2, 2008

Attendees

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Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Ruffy
Bob Lee	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
Kimberly Kern (absent)	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Welcome

1. Rick Hutson welcomed all new members to the board and thanked them for serving. New Directors include: Mike Devlin, Dave Kyle, and Richard Ryan.

Treasure's Report

1. Bob Lee reports that he is aware that Kim Kern and John Pionzio have been in touch and that arrangements have been made to transfer keys, bank account information and check book.
2. Board members uniformly agreed that they are looking forward to an accounting of membership and reconciliation of dues received.

Approval of June 4, 2008 Minutes

The minutes were accepted without objection.

June 17th General Membership Meeting review

1. Meeting was viewed as a success, despite lower attendance than seen at some other meetings
2. Meeting was designed to be informative and was
3. Meeting was not too long and that was valuable

Planning for upcoming General Membership Meetings

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, August 6, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Rufty (absent)
Bob Lee	Secretary	Dave Kyle (absent)	Bruce Scott
Kimberly Kern (absent)	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Treasure's Report

1. There was no treasurer's report.
2. Bob Lee reports that the payment and filings with the Commonwealth of Virginia were made during the month of July
3. Marvin Miller reports not having been paid \$157.60 out of pocket expenses for a plaque.
4. There is an issue of a \$300 payment to Linwood for the Community Pool improvements.

Approval of July 2, 2008 Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

Ft. Belvoir (Bruce Scott)

1. The new Commander will be installed soon, and will not be available to the public until after Labor Day. Bruce will attempt to invite him to the 9/3 Board Meeting
2. There are now two senior officials At Ft. Belvoir, one to manage the Command and one to manage BRAC issues
3. MNCA issues for the new commander should include: understanding his mission, learning about his interests in working with the community and traffic.

Senator Joe Gartlin (Marvin Miller)

1. The board took notice of his passing and was happy to have recognized him publicly in 2008 at the Eagle Fest.

Signage (Peter Weyland)

1. Peter Weyland read a letter indicating a revised view of signs recognizing and branding Mason Neck. The size and construction of the signs has been scaled down and a low profile of less than 4 feet is recommended. The sign would do well to flow into a rock base with plantings surrounding it. The total cost of such as sign would be about \$2750.

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Outbound Correspondence (Rick Hutson)

1. Rick sent letters to local officials informing them of changes in MNCA leadership posts and offering himself as a point of contact.

ICAR (Rick Hutson)

1. Rick reported on upcoming contact with GMU regarding their plans so that the community can get answers to questions about GMU's next steps.

Tennis Backboard at Mason Neck West Park (Peter Weyland)

1. Sandy Stohlman of the Fairfax County Park Authority will look to see if money could be appropriated for the installation of the backboard. Peter will follow-up.

New Business

1. MNCA board should consider recognizing Tom Howard of Supv. Hylan's office for his continuing support in addressing issues effecting Mason Neck.
2. MNCA is reminded of the LCAC Gala to be held Nov 1st. at Lorton Arts House
3. The board approved a fee of \$100 to join the South County Chamber of Commerce

Bills Received

No new bills

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, September 3, 2008

Attendees

Officers		Board of Directors	
Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Rufty (absent)
Bob Lee	Secretary	Dave Kyle (absent)	Bruce Scott
Kimberly Kern (absent)	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with V.P. Lucia Ferguson taking minutes until the arrival of the secretary.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Treasure's Report

Past Treasurer's report - Current balance is \$2527.90. Marvin Miller is reimbursed for the plaques; all outstanding invoices paid. Marvin Miller makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Peter; unanimously approved.

Approval of August Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

Candidates Meeting

Confirmed for October 21st - Gerry Connolly, Toddy Puller, Dave Albo and Gerry Hyland. Keith Fimian has not yet confirmed his attendance.

Correspondence (Rick Hutson)

In response to Rick Hutson's letter introducing the 2008-2009 MNCA Board, Gerry Hyland sent a "welcome and looking forward to working with you" reply.

ICAR (Rick Hutson)

Thus far, the goal of the meetings is to establish a relationship between meeting participants. The work group is also exploring the fate of the "80 acres." Possible scenarios are to tie the land to the Public Trust for Public Lands or to the Nature Conservancy. Marvin Miller will follow up.

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ICAR has expressed an interest in attending a General Meeting to update MNCA members.

Should we hold a November General Meeting invite meeting participants from ICAR? As timing is of concern, we will have a better idea where things are in the pipeline by our October Board meeting.

Old Business

The crosswalk for Route 1 (intersection at Gunston Cove and Gunston Rds.): VDOT promises to undertake a study within the next 45 days. Michael Devlin will follow up with VDOT.

New Business

Kimberly Kern has resigned as treasurer due to an overwhelming life schedule that includes other priorities. Marvin Miller nominated Bob Lee to assume duties of the Treasurer concurrent with secretary's duties; Peter Weyland seconds. The motion is approved by all, and Mr. Lee accepted.

New Director – Peter Weyland made a motion nominating John Pionzio as a new Board member to replace a vacancy; Lucia Ferguson seconded and the motion is approved unanimously.

The Laurel Hill Program Advisory Committee meeting is September 29, a volunteer(s) is asked to attend and report back to the group.

Membership Management Software – John Pionzio and Peter Weyland will research software allowing us to auto-generate an email thanking members for their dues payment. Additional PO Box key – John Pionzio volunteers to have another key made for Rick Hutson.

Meeting Agenda – going forward any agenda items are to be sent directly to Rick Hutson prior to the meeting. Bob Lee will compile and distribute.

July meeting minutes introduced and Rick Hutson makes a motion to approve with the correction: Board approved membership to the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce with a dues payment of \$100.

Michael Devlin seconds the motion, all approved and the motion is unanimously passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, October 1, 2008

Attendees

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Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	Tam Harvie	Cindy Rufty
Bob Lee	Sec/Treas	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
John Pionzio		Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Creating Mason Neck Identity

Gerry Lyons presented his ideas about creating a Mason Neck Identity which he calls "Discovering Mason Neck". Gerry is an illustrator by trade and has spent some of his uncommitted work time to this self-initiated creative project. Gary Knipling attended as a guest.

Gerry brought illustrations demonstrating his own evolution of thought and explained how his ideas attempted to capture the environmental and historic nature of the area while incorporating them into the realities of various park/recreational/historic symbols and uses of Mason Neck. The spoke and wheel along with the fan window of Gunston Hall were strong influences in his view of Mason Neck's visual manifestation.

From the Board, Gerry was looking for: endorsement and implementation, assistance in integrating the idea of an identity program with other organizational entities on Mason Neck, and integration of the ideas into the MNCA website.

The board chose to endorse the goals of the program but not the logo at this time.

The board also received an updated report on a proposal for three signs to welcome people to Mason Neck from Derek Havens. The most recent design suggests incorporating a more natural flow to the signs so that their support structure more reflects nature.

Approval of September Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

General Membership Meeting (October 21, 2008)

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Political Candidates who will speak have been confirmed. It was agreed that each would be provided 10 minutes of speaking time. Marvin Miller and Rick Hutson will introduce the speakers. Bob Lee reported that announcements have been printed and will be sent out later this week. Peter Weyland reminded everyone about posting our signs and set a plan to ensure coverage and avoid redundancy.

Laurel Hill Policy Advisory Committee

Linwood Gorham presented information about a 9/29/08 meeting of the policy advisory committee meeting at which an adaptive development plan for continuing changes at the old prison were discussed. There were several components introduced with many in attendance not happy with the proposal to incorporate so many housing units.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, November 5, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Ruffy (absent)
Bob Lee	Sec/Treas	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott (absent)
John Pionzio (absent)		Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland (absent)

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Approval of October Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

Correspondence Received

The Association received a letter and electronic document from Fort Belvoir requesting comments on their decision not to conduct an environmental impact assessment for work to be done on the U.S. Army Museum. Rick Hutson will review the electronic document and likely answer the letter by suggesting that we disagree with their decision and recommending an environmental impact assessment. Rick will advise board of his findings and collaborate with the board in his response.

Of note, the letter was dated October 3, mailed on October 10, with a 30 day deadline. The letter was over the signature of Col. Blixt and listed the point of contact as Bill Sanders, Director of Public Works, 703-806-3017.

ICAR

Representatives of the MNCA Board will meet again with Dr. Cobb of GMU and Bob Nealon of the GMU Foundation on Monday November 10 to continue discussion about community concerns with the project, in particular the excessively large water treatment permit.

General Membership Meeting (October 21, 2008)

A general discussion about Candidates Night suggested that presentations heard from the candidates were of great value, but some were disappointed with the number of community members who turned out for the event. 50 people were estimated to have attended when 75-100 would have been a more likely expectation. This year's reminder card was on white paper and some wondered if it should be in a different color and whether or not it actually was received by all on the mail delivery routes. Marvin Miller commented that if we don't maintain interest then our influence with community leaders would be impacted.

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Next General Membership Meeting

Board is considering a meeting for late January with the intent of Col Blixt of Ft. Belvoir as a speaker.

School Board Issues

There was a motion made by Marvin Miller and seconded by Rick Hutson to assist the community in efforts to influence School Board decisions on redistricting by using funds for community mailings as necessary.

VDOT

Mike Devlin reported that crosswalk and signaling improvements for the intersection of Route 1 and Gunston Road would cost an estimated \$80,000. There is an obvious question of the priority of such an improvement in the current state of financial affairs within the Commonwealth budget. Mike will monitor.

MNCA Artifacts

Rick Hutson reports receiving information from Joe Chudzik about some MNCA artifacts and records that he's been holding in storage. Rick will speak further with Joe about the appropriate retrieval and disposition of those items.

Harbor View Noise

Dave Kyle noted continuing highway noise from I-95 which has existed since the last HOV lane improvement about 10 years ago. He suggested that the community would be talking to VDOT now in the hope that some improvements could be included during the current I-95 widening project. He will let the board know if the community might require additional support.

Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC)

There was a motion made by Marvin Miller and Seconded by Rick Hutson to post an advisory on the website to assist LCAC with upcoming community needs.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, December 3, 2008

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	Tam Harvie	Cindy Ruffy (absent)
Bob Lee	Sec/Treas	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott (absent)
John Pionzio (absent)		Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Approval of November Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

MNCA Website

Peter Weyland will explore the cost to move MNCA website to new software which will make it more collaborative. Presently any changes require an active intervention by the Webmaster (Peter). This can delay notifications and result in a "flat" appearance.

ICAR

Representatives of the MNCA Board met with Dr. Cobb of GMU and Bob Nealon of the GMU Foundation on Monday November 10 to continue discussion about community concerns with the project, in particular the excessively large water treatment permit. GMU reported that Operating Expenses have been estimated at higher than expected costs and will require GMU to revisit its plan. Dr. Cobb raised a point to remove an outdated letter from the MNCA website. It has been removed and a new letter is posted. The next scheduled meeting is December 15th.

Farmer's Market

Supervisor Hyland has advised the board that a group is looking to receive start up funds to create a Farmer's Market at Lorton Station, the goal of which is to have merchants from within 200 miles sell non-processed food. A motion was made and seconded (Miller, Ferguson) to contribute \$200 to the project.

Signs

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Peter Weyland reports that sign work is on hold until at least January 7th. Board is still looking for more precise costs for the project. This is an issue that should be brought to the attention of all members at the next general membership meeting.

Next General Membership Meeting

Board is considering a meeting for late January with the intent of Col Blixt of Ft. Belvoir as a speaker. Mason Neck Signage should also be discussed.

County Environmental Committee

The board received late notice of a meeting to be held on December 1st. Following discussion it was decided that they should be sent a letter reminding them of the need for community involvement in decisions and that low impact on the environment is always the preferred form.

Old Business

Additional Post Office Box key is in. Bob Lee will pick up.

Rick Hutson will write a letter encouraging funding for crosswalk and signaling improvements for the intersection of Route 1 and Gunston Road.

LCAC is in need of gifts for Christmas by December 13th.

Laurel Hill changes need continued watching as they could impact the boundaries for Gunston Elementary School.

Rick has pick-up some MNCA artifacts form Joe Chudzik and will keep them at his house.

County Supervisor Gerry Hyland was sent a fruit basket for a speedy recovery following his recent accident at a cost of \$89, payable to Rick Hutson.

With regard to improvements on I-95 and its impact on the Harbor View community, Dave Kyle reports that VDOT visited with members of the community and reported doing noise surveys up to 1000 feet outside the work zone, and this unfortunately does not cover the MNCA community. Dave reported that there are two separate projects underway; widening and HOT lanes. He was grateful that their concern was heard, but is still not clear on whether or not their concerns about additional noise will be answered. Dave will monitor.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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