

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

May 5, 2021

Note: There was no meeting in April

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	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.