

Mason Neck Citizens Association Board Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Cranford Methodist Church

Attendees

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

[NOTE: names in bold = attended.]

President Nancy Wilochka called the meeting to order at 7:36 and presented the agenda. The following were discussed:

Minutes from January Meeting: A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the January 2025 Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce reported that MNCA has \$3439.09 in its account, not counting any remaining outstanding invoices from the Candidates Night meeting or other requirements. A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Cellphone Towers: Scott reported there are no new developments. He has briefed Deputy Director Tony Baker, who will be responsible for the issue during the Gunston Hall (GH) transition following Scott's departure in late February.

Gunston E.S. Traffic Problems: Nancy noted receipt of a recent response from VDOT to a Fairfax County Police inquiry about traffic problems at Gunston E.S. In it, VDOT said it had examined the situation in November 2023, found the problems were no worse than at other schools and concluded nothing needed to be done. Jim reported Mount Vernon School Board representative Mateo Dunne had told him he also had requested an investigation, but Jim had heard no further information to date. Board members reported traffic problems remain bad, particularly in the morning.

Gunston Firehouse Ambulance Issue: Marvin reported that he had received a "we'll take this into consideration" response to the letter he had sent on behalf of the Board expressing concern about the possible removal of ALS ambulance service at Gunston Firehouse. Nancy suggested that members raise the issue with Supervisor Dan Storck at his annual Mount Vernon Town Hall meeting February 8. Other Board members agreed to do that.

Digital Filing: The Board discussed this issue and agreed to set up a digital filing system on top of the one established for the Caisson Horses issue. Jim and Peter will discuss how this can be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

Fairfax County Plan Forward Meetings: Nancy reported that the County will hold several in-person and on-line meetings to discuss updates to its Comprehensive Plan. Multiple Board members expressed their intent to attend a meeting.

Transition at Gunston Hall. Gunston Hall Director and Board member Scott Stroh reported on his new position (Executive Director and CEO of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA) and departure plans from GH (his last day is February 14; his family will stay until the end of the school year). THE GH Board will hire an interim Director while pursuing a permanent person for the position. GH activities, including capital projects, fundraising, and GH's role in U.S. 250th anniversary celebrations will continue.

Appreciation for Scott Stroh: Scott has served with distinction on the Board for over ten years and made GH available to MNCA for its annual meetings, candidates nights and other events. Board for its membership meetings.

- A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed to issue a Board resolution thanking Scott for his service.

EagleFest: Hillary reported that EagleFest, the **annual** event organized by the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, will be held on May 10. Board members expressed preliminary interest in having a booth at the events, with details and financial contribution to be decided at a future meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 5th at Cranford Church.

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:11.