

**Mason Neck Citizens Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 4, 2004**

Vice-president Randy Streufert commenced meeting at 8:10 p.m.

As agreed in the February 5th meeting the Board discussed proposals for grants to support projects that complement the Association goals and would be of benefit to Mason Neck. Joe Chudzik distributed a copy of a letter from Gunston Hall Director David Reese requesting support for a project to restore the garden based on an archaeological survey that revealed the original features of Col. George Mason's garden. The Board discussed this, and other proposals. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board to donate \$2,500 to Gunston Hall Plantation.

Treasurer Gary Knipling was directed to forward a letter and a check to Gunston Hall.

The MNCA General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. Gunston Hall was discussed. Mary Kay informed the Board that a 40-minute film, AOCOQUAN Watershed@ would be presented. She will obtain additional information regarding this presentation.

Joe Chudzik agreed to draft a mailer announcement for the General Membership meeting; have it printed; and mailed at the post office.

The election of MNCA officers and directors in May 2004 was discussed. A nominating committee needs to be formed. Individuals who wish to continue as officers and members of the Board should notify Dave Walker.

Gary Knipling informed the Board that the Old Colchester Road Traffic Calming Survey was mailed and sixty-six responses have been received to date. Howard Savage stated that a 75% response rate is required to enable VDOT to design traffic calming measures. Canvassing the neighborhood to contact those individuals who did not respond to the survey may be required. The Board may need an extension of time if the deadline for submission to VDOT is March 15. Gary stated he would call Howard on Monday to review the status of the OCR survey. Howard said he would call Rhonda in Supervisor Highlands' office to inquire about an extension of time.

Marvin Miller stated Ft. Belvoir has approved the Outgrant of land for the Old Colchester Road intersection improvement project and VDOT is proceeding with this project. Howard presented an aerial photograph of the OCR/Richmond Highway intersection to the Board.

Gary informed the Board that he had contacted Peter Weyland regarding the proposed MNCA website and listserve. Weyland offered the Association a reduced fee of \$1000 to create the website and a home page. MNCA would be responsible for maintaining the website Marvin suggested the Board take this issue to the MNCA general membership in the event someone can offer to assist or perform this service for the Association.

Joe Chudzik distributed information on the Environmental Education Day and schedule of activities at the Elizabeth S. Hartwell Environmental Education Center at Mason Neck State Park on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

Gary read a letter from Chuck Reams regards to septic systems.

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Joe Chudzik distributed a flyer announcing the Mason Neck Shoreline Cleanup on April 3, 2004. Twenty organizations will be participating in the project held in concert with the 16th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Joe reported that Fairfax County Public Health Division is sampling and testing water wells to determine if there are contaminants present as a result of the leachate runoff from the Rainwater CDD Landfill in Lorton. Jeff Smithberger informed the LCAT members that the tests would be broad spectrum including up to 250 parameters. VDEQ has initiated enforcement action regarding the reported violations and no further information has been released by VDEQ.

Gary said that Randy Streufert received three awards from the Virginia Wildlife Federation for his wildlife photography. Gary displayed a copy of AVirginia Wildlife@ magazine, which published several of Randy=s prize-winning photographs. Gary also presented Randy with some reptile and amphibian postage stamps.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Note Taker: Joe Chudzik