

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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