

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 Rufty (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 Cobb raised a point to remove an outdated letter from the MNCA website.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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resources of Mason Neck and to educate the community, and the public in general,
about the unique resources of Mason Neck*

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 from 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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