

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, May 6, 2009

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin	Richard Ryan (absent)
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Rufty (absent)
Bob Lee	Sec/Treas	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
John Pionzio		Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Mason Neck Sign Update

Peter Weyland has met with the owner of the Gunston/Old Colchester lot to discuss potential placement of sign in corner of that lot by easement. The owner expressed no objection.

Approval of April Minutes

The April minutes were approved as read.

Meadowood Parking Lot on Belmont Blvd.

In e-mail to the board, Richard Ryan has raised some concerns about a new parking lot for a path associated with Meadowood. Some Board members reported that this is not a new issue and has been discussed for several years including a public hearing at Gunston Elementary School. Nevertheless, they heard Dr. Ryan's concern, and it was decided that no action would be taken without a clear understanding of the facts.

ICAR

Sara Cobb is no longer the head of ICAR. Marvin Miller, Rick Hutson and Richard Ryan will be in attendance at the next meeting which is scheduled for May 11th at 8:00 am. ICAR may be impacted by some new legislation in the US Congress which may redefine navigable waterways to broaden impact of the Clean Water Act.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The annual meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2009. The nominating committee has determined candidates for the 2009-10 MNCA Board. No additional nominations were received via mail. Peter is on line for a MNCA Website presentation for the May 19th General membership Meeting. Rick will inquire as to internet access at Gunston Hall. Rick reminded all not to forget to get signs up and asked Peter to do an internet blast to remind members. Since the new web site will be demonstrated it would do us well if Board Members have completed a profile on the new page.

Eagle Festival

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The Eagle Festival of 4/25/09 was well attended. Gerry Connolly and Gerry Hyland were honored with the MNCA "Preservationist Award". The group consensus is that the awards help to expand MNCA identity and value. The group approved payment to Marvin Miller of \$157.50 as reimbursement for the award plaques.

VDOT Letter

VDOT seems unwilling to take action on a crosswalk at Route 1 and Gunston Road since it would involve a drastic rework of the signals and curb line. Michael Devlin will have a personal discussion with a VDOT representative to see if he can understand their concerns more completely and get some compromise solution.

Water Quality Monitoring Interest

In response to Jose Chudzik's inquiry, the board restated their support of continued Water Quality Monitoring at Pohick Creek as in the past. The board also supports Joe's effort to apply for a Fairfax Water grant to continue this monitoring and would like a description of how the funds would be used. Reportedly Joe will prepare the documents and MNCA Board will endorse it.

Watershed Advisory Group

Next meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

Next MNCA Board Meeting: 7:30 pm, June 3rd at Cranford Church

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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