

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 7:30pm, Aug. 5, 2009

Attendees :

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin (absent)	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller (absent)	Peter Weyland

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Mason Neck sign status

Peter Weyland presented a sketch from Derek Havens of a small (30”H, 34”W) sign with a rounded top. It shows an eagle above the words “Welcome to Mason Neck”. The Board discussed getting three signs, to be located at either end of Old Colchester Road, and on Gunston Road near Route 1. One bid has been obtained thus far--\$600 per sign, not including installation. Due to the cost a **motion was passed** that additional bids would be obtained and the expenditure would be voted on at an MNCA General Meeting (Ryan/Scott). A **second motion was passed** to establish a voluntary fund to which donations could be made to cover part of the sign costs (Ferguson/Scott). Several Board members expressed a willingness to contribute to such a fund.

Approval of July minutes

The minutes from the July 8 Board meeting were approved.

Pirates Cove Family Night

Rick Hutson said the event was a success, despite thunderstorm interference. Several members commented on the remarkable success of the Pirates Cove pool and gave most of the credit to Lynwood Goreham.

WAG Meeting

Dick Kennedy subbed for Rick Hutson at the July 28 meeting of the Lower Occoquan Watershed Advisory Group. A first list of 85 possible remediation projects was handed out for comment, with a second list to follow. None of the 85 projects is on Mason Neck.

Mason Neck Trail Status

Rick Hutson noted several recent emails stating that Section Two of the trail was being split into two segments. The shorter (1500 feet) portion, designated 2A, does not require any easements so construction can begin fairly soon. Bruce Scott noted that he had offered use of his property adjacent to the fire station as a location for the horse crossing over Gunston Road but had received no response from the county.

“Dancing Trucks”

Jerry Lyons showed a diagram illustrating the problem of large trucks turning left from Route 1 onto Furnace Road – there is not sufficient space and cars sometimes are scraped and traffic sometimes is backed up when the trucks are unable to proceed. Supervisor Hyland’s office has been contacted to seek a solution, presumably a prohibition of left turns by large trucks.

September General Membership Meeting (“Meet the Candidates”)

Rick Hutson will call Marvin Miller to confirm the date.

New/Old Business

Lucia Ferguson called the Board’s attention to possible problems with a house under construction on Greene Drive at the intersection with Bard Street in Harbor View – being built on a very steep slope, difficulty passing inspections, and potential for wetlands damage. Lucia will put the info in an Email, which Rick will forward to Shannon Curtis, the Fairfax County member of the Lower Occoquan WAG. Another problem house is a burned-out one on Old Colchester, near Anita Drive.

Lucia also called attention to the “Life Without Limits” 10k run – with food music, and local celebrities – which is being held to benefit United Cerebral Palsy on Saturday Sept. 12, 8:00 AM, at South County Secondary.

Two road safety problems were mentioned: Bruce Scott noted the need for a Route 1 crosswalk at the Gunston Road intersection, and Dave Kyle said that overgrown trees and shrubs are blocking the view of oncoming traffic from the left on Gunston Road for drivers going north on Old Colchester. Rick will ask Mike Devlin to look into both issues.

Bruce Scott raised the idea of MNCA sponsoring a dinner at Gunston Hall to celebrate its 250th anniversary with both groups sharing the proceeds.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 PM, at Cranford Church

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.