

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 7:30 PM, April 5, 2012

Attendees:

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Michael Devlin	President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Jerry Lyons
Dave Kyle	Vice President	Lucia Ferguson	Marvin Miller (absent)
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Rick Hutson	Bruce Scott (absent)
Bob Lee (absent)	Treasurer	Rodney Loges (absent)	Peter Weyland

President Mike Devlin called the meeting to order at 7:37 and the following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: Motion passed to approve the March 7 Board meeting minutes (Weyland/Lyons).

New/Old Business:

Mason Neck Trail: MNCA member Joe Chudzik summarized the history: The idea surfaced in 1993 and was endorsed by MNCA in 1995, when Joe moved to Mason Neck. He began applying for funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP), which require a 20% local match, not necessarily in cash. The TEP does not provide money up front but rather reimburses the County after the fact. Fairfax has always endorsed the trail but has not always provided matching funds. The initial focus was on Section 3 (from Gunston Hall to the State Park) because of safety concerns and it was opened in June, 2005. Section 2A, from GH to Pohick Bay Park was completed later. Fairfax is treating each section as a separate project and each must be approved by VDOT. The next section will be the one from Pohick Bay Park to the golf course--it will require easements from 11 property owners and VDOT approval and best case scenario would see it completed in 2014.

Later in the meeting, Jerry noted that the cost of completing the entire trail (Rt. 1 to the Great Marsh Trail) likely would be in the \$4.2--\$5 million range.

MNCA By-Laws: A motion was made and passed to review the by-laws and propose changes to the membership; Marvin, Jerry & Dick will work on this.

Upcoming Events: Peter mentioned several--the Eagle Fest, Potomac River Cleanup, the "Derby" to benefit Simple Changes, and the appreciation lunch for LCAC volunteers--and suggested that this be done at all Board meetings.

Warriors in Transition: Peter noted that meetings are continuing with all the Neck parks and each has been asked to create a "wish list" of improvements. We would like to get free admission to the parks--esp. the State Park--for all military personnel. Suggestion made to possibly have ATVs and ATV trails in some parks for use by people with disabilities. Discussion that noise could be objectionable to other park users--perhaps could use electric ATVs?

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: Motion passed to adjourn at 8:35 PM. (Lyons/Devlin)