

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
Nov. 6 , 2013

Attendees:

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Lucia Ferguson	President	Hillary Clawson	Marvin Miller
Sergio Diaz-Briquets (absent)	Vice President	Adam Dameron	Missy Salisbury
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Michael Devlin (absent)	Bruce Scott (absent)
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Rick Hutson	Peter Weyland

President Lucia Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:30 and the following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: Motion passed to approve the Oct. 2 Board meeting minutes.

Presentation by Richard Doucette from VDEQ: Mr. Doucette gave a good explanation of the contamination situation on the Rainwater property, including maps of the extent of the trichloroethene "plume" in 2006 and 2011, showing it had not progressed much during those five years. To be exact, it has progressed about 36 feet per year, and the nearest well is still 2100 feet away. Nonetheless, there is some cause for concern, so VDEQ has asked Rainwater for a remediation plan, and they have 45-60 days to reply. He noted that Rainwater has been under a consent order since 2004, which they would like to be freed of.

Peter asked about the possible source of the fine particulate deposits that have been observed in his neighborhood. Mr. Doucette that the source was more likely to be the landfill, rather than the Covanta stacks, and noted that we can request an air quality study.

Indian Springs: Motion passed unanimously that MNCA "stand its ground" on the sewer connection issue. (Peter/Rick)

Treasurer's Report: Bob handed out two documents, one showing credits this year of \$1618.24 (mainly dues) and debits of \$1618.65 (mainly postage expenses), leaving a current balance of \$2226.52 as of Nov. 5. The other document was a Wells Fargo statement of all activity on our account since last November.

Bob also had a handout of his thoughts on the dues collection process--shown at the end of these minutes. The Board will consider them.

Old Business:

Dirt/asphalt removal: Sergio had sent an update to the Board: This illegally dumped material, which turned out to be on Gunston Hall property, has been removed,

thanks to Jess Lowry from the state park and Gunston Hall. We will send thank-you notes.

Fire danger warning sign by the fire station: We will invite someone from the fire station to a future meeting to discuss. Is it useful? If so, how do we keep the warning level updated on a regular basis?

Covanta stacks: It was noted that there has been no air quality monitoring station on the Neck since 2010, and the nearest one is in Lee District Park. We can ask Fairfax's air quality people to check.

USO & Warriors in Transition: The MNCA web site now has a full list of all Neck facilities. By Jan. 1 we will try to obtain details on what each one can offer to WIT, for passing to Pam at USO. Missy will be the coordinator.

New Business:

Sign Committee: To look into a "welcome to Mason Neck" roadside sign, following up on some preliminary work a couple of years ago. Formation of a committee deferred, Peter will send out a couple of the designs that were proposed in the previous effort.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: Motion passed to adjourn at 8:36 (Dick/Rick)

Below are Treasurer Bob's thoughts about dues collection:

MNCA DUES COLLECTION PROCESS

GOALS:

1. Increase Membership
2. Update e-mail contact information
3. Collect Funds
4. Reduce confusion
5. Allow meetings to be about topics and not whether or not dues are paid
6. Ensure membership dues align with operating budget and future needs

NEEDS:

1. Notice to Members prior to 1/1/2014.
2. Provide a method for easy payment
 - a. Pre-addressed Envelope to P.O. Box
 - i. Perhaps Printer has a single outbound and return envelope
 - b. Pay Pal
3. Acknowledgement of Payment
 - a. E-mail from Bob, or
 - b. Post Card from Bob
4. E-mail addresses to Peter for correspondence
5. List and Count of Members to Board
6. Will allow for better determination of 2014 expenditures and 2015 dues