

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
8:00 PM, January 4 , 2014

Attendees: (no absentees)

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

President Lucia Ferguson called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM and the following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: Motion passed to approve the December 4 Board meeting minutes (Bruce/Sergio)

Mason Next State Park--plans for a new Visitor Center exhibit--by park manager Jess Lowry: MNSP has the only visitor center on the Neck and provides programs and interpretive use. In the state park system, five visitor centers have been renovated, and MNSP is working with the Virginia Association for Parks and with Imperial Multimedia, which has done the design work for the other parks. There will be a public presentation at the park on Jan. 14 to outline the plan.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)--presentation by Jonathan Kiell, a CERT volunteer on Mason Neck: CERT was formed 15-20 years ago to provide help in local emergencies before FEMA, fire department, etc. can arrive, and also helps in non-emergency situations. Fairfax has been teaching CERT course since 2003 and about 1000 people have taken them. The basic course is 3-4 hours per week for 7-8 weeks, and students learn basic safety practices and disaster preparations, and there are optional follow-on courses. Volunteers mainly help in their neighborhoods but can go outside them, so several teams would be necessary to cover Mason Neck. Marvin suggested a handout about CERT at the next general membership meeting.

Fairfax History Commission--presentation by Sallie Lyons: Talked about several areas of concern: 1) VDOT has closed public access to the Occoquan at the end of Old Colchester; 2) The Park Authority is planning to demolish the Royston(?) house (next door to Sallie) but the neighbors and the Colchester archeology team are opposed; 3) possible creation of a Conservation District for Mason Neck, based on environmental and historical concerns.

Indian Springs: Sallie also raised this issue, which was discussed at a meeting with Sup. Hyland yesterday. He raised the possibility of getting compensation from the developer for its requested easement to connect Indian Springs (where nine homes are planned) to the Mason Passage sewer. Sallie noted that the money could be used to do an archeological survey of the site, since one has not been done so far. The

Board discussed the issue at some length but did not take a position--a special meeting of the general membership to get community input is a possibility.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: Motion passed to adjourn at 10:13 (Sergio/Adam)