

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
January 6, 2016

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Hillary Clawson	Adam Dameron	Ann Elise Sauer
Vice President	Sergio Diaz Briquets	Rick Hutson	Bruce Scott
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rob Kolb	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bob Lee	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from : Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Bruce)

Guest speaker: Nick Kuttner, Board member of Potomac Riverkeepers. Grew up in DC. Lives in Bellehaven. Noted that the Potomac provides 25% of river flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Potomac RK started in 2000, has focused till now on river upstream from DC. Model is the efforts to restore the Hudson River in NY, which began in the 1960s. Their efforts focus on three areas—Activism, Advocacy, and Legal Action (they have 15-25 cases on going at any time, have never lost a case, have \$1 million budget plus several million \$ of pro bono work), . Nick mentioned the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, signed by VA, DC, MD, PA, and DE—aimed at limiting input of nitrates, phosphorus, and sediment into the Bay. Noted that agriculture, esp. cattle, and acid mine drainage (mostly from closed mines) are important sources of pollution.

DEQ Hearing on Coal Ash at Possum Point: Dec. 8 meeting, Hillary attended, noted some complaints about the short notice for the meeting. DEQ will present its findings to the Water Board in Richmond on Jan. 14.

Gunston Hall Master Site Planning: GH has hired an excellent firm to draft the plan. They will have eight meetings (“Charettes”) for different interest groups to attend and present their thoughts—the one for Mason Neck residents will be Jan. 20 at 7:30. The resulting plan will be announced on George Mason Day, June 11.

Postcard reminding people to pay MNCA dues: Dick will do revised draft tomorrow.

2016 Tentative Plans/General Membership Meetings:

- Would like the Riverkeepers to do a presentation, perhaps in March.
- Candidates Night will be Sept.27 or Oct. 4.
- June meeting on Gunston Hall’s Master Site Plan
- S-CAR-related event, probably at their new facility on Mason Neck (S-CAR is George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution)

MNCA Newsletter? Will discuss at next Board meeting.

Antiques Show at American University: Noted that Gunston Hall is featured at the show

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to Adjourn: 9:02 (Marvin/Hillary)