

Mason Neck Citizens Association **Special Board Meeting**

Held On-line using Zoom

July 15, 2020

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Hillary Clawson	Arsenio Ayon	Scott Stroh
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Randy Benton	Mark Thompson
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rick Hutson	Nancy Wilochka
		Rob Kolb	

Note: MNCA’s activities were disrupted by Coronavirus. The Board had a brief on-line meeting in April, using Zoom, that encountered some technical difficulties, and the May and June meetings were cancelled. A Zoom meeting was held on July 1, and there was agreement that MNCA needed to rethink its past practices, and this special meeting was scheduled for July 15 to discuss options.

Two things of note from the past three months: Randy said he was resigning from the Board, due to other commitments, but suggested a replacement to keep Harbour View represented. There was also a discussion, via email, of setting up some kind of information exchange for Mason Neck residents to seek or offer help related to the pandemic, but Peter had already done something similar, and the other Board members thought that was sufficient.

MNCA’s Future: The Board has been concerned for several years about the decline in MNCA membership—likely due to the reduced threat of development on the Neck—and the adverse impact this is having, or will have, on our ability to influence our elected State and County representatives. Those representatives, from both major parties, generally have been very supportive of Mason Neck in the past, and have regularly participated in our annual “Candidates Night” for a face-to-face meeting with Mason Neck residents.

The July 15 meeting: After further discussion, the Board voted unanimously for a resolution from Marvin that would make the following changes, some of which will require amendments to our by-laws, which must then be approved by a vote by the MNCA membership:

- Most importantly, MNCA membership will be **FREE** for all Mason Neck **RESIDENTS**, age 18 and above.
- Becoming a member just requires sending your name, street address (to confirm residency), email address, and, optionally, your phone number to peter@look.net.
- We will solicit donations to hopefully cover basic operating expenses, which in recent years have mostly been the cost of printing and mailing postcards or letters to the 1130 post office addresses on Mason Neck. The initial fund-raising target will be \$3000 a year.
- General Membership Meetings will be reduced from three a year to two—a Board election meeting in the spring and Candidates Night in the fall. The meetings preferably will be in-person at Gunston Hall, but may be on-line if the Coronavirus threat persists.
- The Board will aim to have the required revisions to the by-laws ready for Board approval at our August 5 meeting, and then will schedule a General Membership Meeting so MNCA members can vote on them. The meeting most likely will be in August, on-line, but with an option for members to submit votes by email.

We also must hold the annual Board election, which was delayed past June by the pandemic. All the current Board members will run for re-election to their current position, except that Hillary will step down as President (after five years!) and Nancy will run to replace her. The election will take place at the same meeting where the by-laws changes are voted on.

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

Motion to adjourn: Meeting ended around 8:30 w/o a formal motion.