

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
February 4, 2015

NOTE: There was no Board meeting in January

Attendees in bold face:

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

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

Minutes from December: Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Rick)

Report on Dec. 4 BLM meeting: Open-house type event with various stations, not well-attended.

Member inquiry about getting prompt notification from police about incidents: No current mechanism for doing that, There is a Community Emergency Alert Network, and NBC Channel 4 also sends alerts about many things.

MNCA Conservationist of the Year: We have a candidate—award will be presented at the Eagle Festival on April 25.

Eagle Festival: Motion passed to contribute \$200 (Marvin/ Adam)

Pohick Creek Cleanup on April 11 (part of Potomac Watershed cleanup) – Rick will coordinate for MNCA, might do it on a different day.

Vulcan Quarry request for extension: Agreement that Mason Neck not much affected, and no need to discuss now because current contract goes past 2040.

South County Federation: MNCA will join, fee is \$25.

South County Chamber: Peter said it had been given \$30,000 to assume ownership of and responsibility for the clock tower on Lorton Market St.

Discussion of possible “Mason Neck Day”: Combine with tour of Gunston Hall? Charge \$20 to include MNCA membership? Or do smaller events, such as fishing?

Discussion of ways to boost MNCA membership: Need to publicize our past successes (blocking sewer, keeping the state park and the BLM horse barn open, etc), emphasize that MNCA has always “been there” and must be prepared for the next challenge.

Next General Membership Meeting: Will be in May, date depending on Gunston Hall availability. Will invite Gerry Hyland as special guest.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:56.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
March 4, 2015

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President	Hillary Clawson	Adam Dameron	Marvin Miller
Vice President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Michael Devlin	Missy Salisbury
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Lucia Ferguson	Bruce Scott
Treasurer	Bob Lee	Rick Hutson	Peter Weyland

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

Minutes from February : Motion passed to approve (Bruce/Peter)

Eagle Festival: Dick & Sergio (Board members of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park) provided update on plans – will be very similar to last year, but will have competition from Fairfax County’s spring festival, which will also be in Lorton, at the Workhouse Arts Center. Adam asked if Cub or Boy Scouts could participate in some way – Dick will ask at the next festival planning meeting on March 6.

Pohick Creek Cleanup (part of Potomac Watershed cleanup) – Rick is coordinating for MNCA, will do it on Sunday, April 12, when more people likely will be available.

South County Chamber – Clock Tower: Peter said the deal was completed--\$30,000 received to assume ownership of and responsibility for the clock tower.

Next General Membership Meeting: Date will be May 12 or 19, depending on guest-of-honor Gerry Hyland’s schedule. Agreement to invite the candidates for his job to speak for five minutes each since the primary election will be June 9 (NB: four declared candidates so far). Noted that only 95 people voted in the Gunston precinct in the last Democratic primary.

Cub Scouts: Adam noted that the Mason Neck pack has been rechartered, with 16 scouts from 13 families, who are required to be MNCA members. Also mentioned that they have been given memorabilia from earlier Mason Neck Cub- and Boy-Scout troupes, some dating back to the 1950s – perhaps these could be included in the Mason Neck history section of the exhibits room at Mason Neck State Park, which is under construction.

USO-veterans-Mason Neck: Missy reported that discussions with USO on providing events on the Neck for vets (such as the Hike&Shoot event last summer) have been put off till spring, assuming that spring will actually arrive. Marvin noted that he has heard many compliments about Missy’s work on this issue.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 April 1, 2015

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President	Hillary Clawson	Adam Dameron	Marvin Miller
Vice President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Michael Devlin	Missy Salisbury
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Lucia Ferguson	Bruce Scott
Treasurer	Bob Lee	Rick Hutson	Peter Weyland

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

Minutes from March 3: Motion passed to approve (Bob/Bruce).

Pohick Creek Cleanup (part of April 11 Potomac Watershed cleanup) – Rick will coordinate for MNCA, will do it on April 12.

Next General Membership Meeting: Will be May 12, with Supervisor Hyland as the special guest of honor; MNCA will present him with the annual Jerry Lyons Award for his 28 years of service to the Mount Vernon District. The candidates for his job will also be invited to speak for 6-7 minutes. Hillary will get a temporary liquor license so that we can have wine at this special event.

MNCA Board Election: May 12 will also be the annual election meeting. A list of candidates will be sent to MNCA members by April 12, and postal mail with candidate bios and ballots will be sent to all Mason Neck post office addresses (over 1100!) no later than May 2. Michael and Lucia are not running for re-election. The Nominating Committee has proposed Ann Elise Sauer for one vacancy and is communicating with two other potential candidates.

MNCA Financial Statement: Will be presented to attendees at the May 12 meeting.

S-CAR (GMU’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution): Construction of the new facility is well underway. MNCA Board members have had numerous meetings with GMU officials over a number of years to be sure that the School would not have any negative impact on Mason Neck – we are very pleased with the results and look forward to working with S-CAR in the future.

Eagle Fest at Mason Neck State Park on April 25: As usual, MNCA will have a table. Missy will provide photos from last Summer’s “Hike & Shoot” event that MNCA held at the park for recovering veterans. We will also do a poster or banner of some kind listing MNCA’s past accomplishments on behalf of Mason Neck. We will send an email to MNCA members to solicit help in manning the table.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: Motion passed at 8:09 (Hillary/Marvin)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
May 5, 2015

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

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

Minutes from April 1 : Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Peter)

New Board candidate, Rob Kolb, attended, and introduced himself – retired military, now government employee.

Missy is leaving the Board but agreed to continue as our liaison with the USO at Ft. Belvoir.

May 12 General Membership Meeting: Gerry Hyland will be guest of honor; his staff invited, also Sen. Puller and Del. Albo. The candidates for Gerry’s job also invited to introduce themselves. We will provide refreshments, incl. wine and perhaps beer. It’s also our Board election meeting – will collect ballots before the meeting starts.

Bushrod property and BLM: There is some interest on both sides for selling the property to BLM. MNCA should draft letter supporting this and send to Senators Warner and Kaine and Representative Beyer. Gary Knipling and Mary Scott know the Bushrods and perhaps can help in liaison role.

George Mason Day at Gunston Hall on June 13, 10 to 4: Agreed that MNCA will participate, which basically means manning a table to provide visitors with information about MNCA. Looked at the application form, passed around sign-up sheet to man the table. Hilary offered to provide a small poster about the USO and Wounded Warriors, and MNCA’s involvement.

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

Motion to Adjourn approved at 8:35. (Marvin/Bruce)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
June 3, 2015

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 Korb	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bob Lee	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

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

Minutes from May: Motion passed to approve (Rick/ Ann)

May General Membership/Election Meeting: Agreement that it went well; noted that the Republican candidates were invited, even though they didn't have a primary election. All candidates will be invited to MNCA's "Candidates' Night" in October.

Bob noted that 35 people paid their MNCA membership dues at the meeting.

Bushrod Property/BLM: MNCA members had a conversation with the Bushrod family – they are still interested in selling the property to BLM, which owns the adjacent land. An unknown person sent an email about the possible sale to several BLM officials, perhaps in an effort to sabotage the sale?

George Mason Day, June 13 at Gunston Hall: Gunston Hall is making this more of a community-oriented event and MNCA will have table. Sergio has Gerry Lyons' maps of the Neck to display, and Marvin will draft words for a hand-out about the ways in which MNCA embodies the principles in George Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Political emails to MNCA members: New Board member Ann asked what MNCA's policy is – answer: we don't send such emails.

Cub Scouts: Adam will invite their new leader to the next Board meeting.

Joe Chudzik presentation: Long-time MNCA member Joe provided information and photos of two environmental issues; also had two draft resolutions for the Board to consider.:

- **Tires, auto parts, and other potentially hazardous waste near Giles Run Creek, which flows into Mason Neck.** Marvin suggested some changes – mainly shortening – to Joe's resolution asking Fairfax County to take action and the Board approved the revised text (Peter/ Ann). The Board suggested that Joe provide additional photos of the debris field, if possible
- **Derelict vessel in Belmont Bay (since the mid-1980s).** Joe said there is some possibility of private companies undertaking its removal but the Board felt that the companies should take the initiative and asked Joe to rework his resolution.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to Adjourn: 8:50 (Ann/Marvin)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
July 1, 2015

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President	Hillary Clawson	Adam Dameron	Ann Elise Sauer
Vice President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Rick Hutson	Bruce Scott
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rob Korb	Scott Stroh
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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from June 3 : Motion passed to approve with one sentence deleted.-

George Mason Day at Gunston Hall: General agreement that it was a good event that provided an opportunity for local organizations (including MNCA) to make themselves better known in the community.

Giles Run trash dump: Will check with Joe Chudzik to see if he has additional photos of the dump for the resolution we are working on; he already provided four photos.

Presentation by Cub Scout leader: Postponed

Fort Belvoir Restoration Advisory Board: Will consult with our membership about interest in participating

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
September 2, 2015

Note: No meeting held in August

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 7:33 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from July 1 : Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Bruce)

Giles Run Trash Dump Resolution: Motion passed to send letter asking Fairfax County to take appropriate action to address the problem; Dick will draft. (Marvin/Sergio)

Fort Belvoir Resource Advisory Board: Dick will check on status, say MNCA is interested in participating if such a board is established.

Cub Scouts: Adam provided update, said six of the eight current leaders were Eagle Scouts themselves. Reported that the decision of the Boy Scouts' to accept gay leaders has caused some division within the group. A parents meeting was held, and there is a strong desire to keep the scouts going, but options ranging from no change to seeking a new church-based sponsor to disbanding have been proposed but no decision yet.

Traffic safety problem at Rt. 1/Furnace Road intersection: There is not sufficient space for large northbound trucks to turn right onto Furnace Road, and recently a truck making the turn struck and badly damaged the car of a Mason Neck resident (but fortunately no injuries). The incident has been reported to VDOT and Mr. Barry Harrison from VDOT is looking into the situation. **Motion passed** to send a letter to VDOT, Supervisors chairperson Bulova, and Supervisor Gerry Hyland, with a copy to Mr. Harrison, saying that something needs to be done,

Candidates Night Sept. 29: Letters of invitation have been sent to the candidates for the state Senate, House of Delegates, and Mt. Vernon Supervisor, and will be sent to the candidates for the Mt. Vernon representative on the School Board.

South County Federation: Peter noted that meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7:30 and are open to the public.

LCAC Wine-Tasting: Bruce mentioned that this annual fundraiser will take place on September 19 at his home.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 7 , at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
October 7, 2015

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 7:37 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from : Motion passed to approve (Scott/ Ann Elise)

Guest: Robert Beach of Robert E. Beach Architects – Explained proposed memorial to supporters of the 19th Amendment and the suffrage movement in the US, to be located in Occoquan Park. Mr. Beach noted that he has been an architect for 25 years and is on the Fairfax County History Commission. He designed the memorial pro bono, then was hired to design the park layout. The park would be financed by a bond issue but funds for the memorial would have to come from donations to the “Turning Point Suffragistes Memorial Association” and the cost is estimated at \$7 million. The target is to have it done by 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The project is supported by the League of Women Voters, which was also established in 1920.

Candidates Night: Agreement that it was very successful, with good attendance and good presentations by the candidates. Note was made of the many political signs on Gunston Road.

MNCA meeting signs: Rick suggested doing an inventory of our signs and ordering more if needed.

USO & Warriors in Transition: Noted that they are doing things on Mason Neck on their own.

Fort Belvoir: Scott mentioned hearing a presentation about what is happening there and suggested inviting the presenter to an MNCA meeting.

Gunston Shell station: Noted that it is seeking approval for a substantial overhaul of the entire site. Board members are inclined to be supportive but want additional info.

Gunston Cove Rd./Rt 1 Intersection: Ann Elise described a problem during rush hour when southbound vehicles turning on Gunston Cove cause a backup; will draft a letter.

Friends of Mason Neck State Park Newsletter: We should forward to our members.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
November 4, 2015

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 October 7: Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Scott)

Suffrage Memorial: (Proposed for Occoquan Park, for supporters of the 19th amendment). Board members generally like the idea, although the estimated cost of \$7 million seems high. We will invite the designer to give a presentation at the next General Membership Meeting.

Rt. 1/Gunston Road intersection: (Problem of back-ups on Gunston Cove Rd. because of lane configuration and very short right-turn lane) Ann and Bob will draft letter.

Gunston Shell's remodeling/upgrade proposal: South County Federation is having a hearing on it on Nov. 24, we will await the outcome.

S-CAR (GMU's School for Analysis and Conflict Resolution): Rob recently met with the director and a public kick-off event is being planned. He will set up a date for the MNCA Board to visit the facility, sometime in early 2016.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
Dec. 2, 2015

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
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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:31 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from November : Motion passed to approve (Rick/Bruce)

DEQ hearing on coal ash storage at Possum Point: Hearing is Dec. 8 in Woodbridge, Hillary plans to attend; any comments to DEQ due by Dec. 14. Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) has applied for permission to consolidate five storage ponds into one, which would then be covered. The plan includes releasing 2.53 million gallons per day of treated water for several months. There is a potential effect on Mason Neck because tidal action could bring the water to us.

- Motion passed unanimously for a Resolution to DEQ stating that it should request a full list of plans from DVP, that it approve each plan, and then monitor for compliance. Also DVP should pay DEQ for the cost of doing the monitoring, i.e., no self-monitoring by DVP. (Marvin/Ann)

Email from Janet Cole suggesting that the Potomac(?) Riverkeeper speak at a board meeting – no objections, will be done.

Rt. 1/Gunston Cove Road Intersection traffic problem: Hillary has the letter from the Board ready to mail.

Boy/Cub Scouts update from Adam: They have nine new members, none from the Neck, so perhaps they should drop the requirement that the parents be MNCA members. Motion passed that the Scouts just suggest a \$20 donation to MNCA. (Bruce/Peter)

Dues postcard to membership: Bob suggested sending a card requesting payment of 2016 dues (\$20 per person) and stating reasons why residents should support MNCA.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, at 7:30 PM .

Meeting Adjourned: Motion passed at 8:09 (Brue/Marvin)