

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
January 3, 2018

Note: There was no Board Meeting in December

Attendees in bold face:

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

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

Minutes from November: Motion to approve passed (Marvin/Ann Elise).

Treasurer Report: Bruce reported via email that our balance is \$2579.46..

Membership Report: Will mail a survey to all Neck residents, with a link to Survey Monkey but with the option of replying by mail; will include assurance that email addresses will NOT be shared with any other group or organization.

Tentative Schedule for MNCA General Membership Meetings in 2018:

March 20 or 27: Possible topics—Dominion’s plans for underground lines, status of Lorton landfill, plans for a community center in Lorton

June 5 or 12: Election of MNCA Board members, possible speaker from Point of View (George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution).

Late September/Early October—Candidates’ Night: Date depends on candidate availability.

MNCA Web Site: Has been down for several weeks after being hacked, agreed to begin rebuilding in a more secure form. Will keep it simple, could be done this week.

Facebook Discussion: Agreement that MNCA should have a Facebook presence

Gunston Hall Docents Fundraiser, February 18, 4 to 7: Ann Elise (a docent) said it is an important fundraiser and it includes champagne and chocolate and a silent auction.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:58 (Ann Elise/Marvin)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
February 7, 2018

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MNCA Officers		Other Members of the Board of Directors	
President	Hillary Clawson	Reinhardt Gray	Ann Elise Sauer
Vice President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Rick Hutson	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rob Kolb	Mark Thompson
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:36 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from January: Motion to approve passed, with correction of start time.

Treasurer Report: Bruce reported our balance is \$2599.46, with a pending payment of \$500 to Dawn Shepherd for doing a major update of our web site, masonneck.org.

Next General Membership Meetings: March 20 and June 12:

March 20: Will ask Neck resident Phil Hirschkop to discuss Loving v. Virginia, which he argued before the Supreme Court in 1967. Also get updates on Gunston Hall and Mason Neck State Park.

Wat Lao zoning hearing: Date postponed to April 20. Noted that there was a somewhat similar case, ca 1980, when the Arch Diocese of Arlington applied for a permit to build a church on Mason Neck and provided detailed plans but eventually withdrew the application because of concerns about possible traffic problems.

Location of Planned Lorton Community Center: Peter noted that residents of neighborhoods near the Lorton Library are seeking to have the location changed from a site next to the library and moved to a different side on the other side of Rout 1. He is on a committee representing LCAC, which will be housed in the community center and strongly opposes changing the location because of safety concerns about its clients having to cross Route 1, especially after it is widened. The Board is also concerned that changing the location would cause delays and added expenses, and could end up killing the project entirely. The South County Federation will discuss at its meeting next week. **Motion passed** (Scott/Peter) that MNCA draft a resolution supporting the current plan.

Survey of Neck residents as to what they want from MNCA: Hillary read the draft questions, residents can respond using Survey Monkey or by snail mail, hopefully before March 20.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:27

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 March 7, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

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

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:36 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from February: Motion to approve passed,

Treasurer Report: Bruce said our bank balance is \$2217.46 minus \$225 to reimburse Dick for paying our annual fee at the post office (which gets us a discounted mailing rate).

Next General Membership Meeting: March 20—Neck resident Phil Hirschkop will speak about Loving v. Virginia in 1967, which he argued before the Supreme Court. Our postcard announcement will emphasize that this is a very special meeting.

Survey of Neck residents as to what they want from MNCA: Almost finished, will include information on becoming a member.

Supervisor Storck’s Environmental Committee: Hillary will be a member.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 7:59.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
April 4, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

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

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:38 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from March: Motion to approve passed, (Marvin/Peter).

Treasurer Report: Current balance is \$2010.72; doesn't include postcard mailing for April General Membership meeting, about \$370 for printing and mailing to 1140 recipients on the Neck.

Membership Report: Will collect dues at April meeting.

Eagle Festival on May 12: Motion approved to donate \$200 (Marvin/Bruce).

April General Membership Meeting: We will give the speaker—Mason Neck resident Phil Hirschkop--a bottle of wine and a copy of a new book about his most famous case, Loving v. Virginia in 1967.

Location of Planned Lorton Community Center: Board discussed and reiterated its strong support for the planned location, next to the Lorton Library.

South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce News:

- Next meeting is April 10.
- A special breakfast meeting on May 30 will benefit LCAC
- Has set up a community calendar

Wat Lao Zoning Appeal Hearing: Current date is April 18 but postponement is likely

MNCA Community Service Award: Motion passed to present it to (redacted) at the Eagle Festival.

Potomac Watershed Cleanup on April 14: MNCA will do cleanup of the creek under the bridge on Old Colchester.

Coming road closure of Old Colchester: For two to four weeks in August as the Noman Cole treatment plant installs new pipes under the road.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:10

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 May 2, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

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

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:33 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from April: Motion to approve passed, with some typo corrections, (Marvin/Scott).

Treasurer Report: No

Membership Report: No

Possible Future Speakers: Topics could be Mason Neck related---history, current events, environment, etc—but don't have to be if the subject would be of interest to Neck residents. Several names were suggested as possibilities.

Wat Lao Zoning Appeal Hearing-Date is May 23 at 9:00 AM at Board of Zoning Appeals. Issues include traffic, septic system, water run-off, operating business in a residential area, fire safety, exit safety, noise. Question asked if this group has had similar problem elsewhere.

Planned Lorton Community Center--Public meeting tomorrow: County officials will speak, citizens can comment and ask questions. Main issue is the location—the MNCA Board strongly supports the planned location, next to the Lorton Library, but residents in that area are asking that it be changed.

MNCA Board Election: Will be at June General Membership Meeting. Rick will head committee to come up with a list of candidates; all incumbents except Sergio (who is moving to Florida) are seeking reelection.

Eagle Festival May 12: MNCA will have a canopy and table, Marvin and others will man it. Marvin also has the plaque to be presented to our award recipient. Gunston Hall has more canopies and tables, if needed.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:25

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 June 6, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

MNCA Officers		Other Members of the Board of Directors	
President	Hillary Clawson	Reinhardt Gray	Ann Elise Sauer
Vice President	Sergio Diaz-Briquets	Rick Hutson	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rob Kolb	Mark Thompson
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from May : Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer Report: No

Membership Report: No

June 12 General Membership Meeting: Good meeting with a great slide show of Mason Neck wildlife, presented by local wildlife photographer Rand Streufert.

The slate of Board candidates was approved by the membership, with Arsenio Ayon elected to replace Sergio Diaz-Briquets, who has moved to Florida after several years of great service to our community.

Wat Lao Appeal to Board of Zoning Appeals: Extensive discussion of the issue and MNCA's position, particularly the wording of a petition opposing the appeal and of Marvin's draft letter. Agreed that "business entity" is a good descriptor of the group, whose legal name is "Wat Lao, LLC". Also discussion of the various problems and concerns raised to date, including septic systems, parking, noise, traffic, and water runoff, and why all Neck residents should be concerned.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:10

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church

August 1, 2018 – **Note: there was no meeting in July**

Attendees in bold face:

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

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:34 and the following were discussed:

New Board Member: Arsenio Ayon, elected at the June General Membership Meeting, replacing Sergio Diaz-Briquets, who has left the area after years of service to our community. Marvin agreed to take the Vice President position, which Sergio had filled.

Minutes from June: Motion to approve passed (Scott/Bruce)

Treasurer Report: Current bank balance is \$2518.46 (Bruce)

Membership Report: We added 14 dues-paying households at the June meeting (Rick)

Wat Lao Discussion: No major developments on this issue. General agreement that they are good people but are acting in many ways more like a business than a church, are causing disturbance to neighbors, and do not appear to be following Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) restrictions on their activities. Discussion of: perhaps sending them a letter, seeking a meeting with BZA staff, and/or seeking a meeting with the property owner. Agreement to: encourage Mason Neck residents to attend the September 26 BZA hearing, emphasize that MNCA's basic position is opposition to any commercialization of Mason Neck, and send a postcard to Neck residents after Labor Day—Rick will do first draft.

Upcoming Events:

September 22: Friends of Mason Neck State Park "Owl Moon" event at Gunston Hall

September 22: Archeology Day at Gunston Hall

September 30: Wine-tasting with food to benefit LCAC at the Scott residence

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:27 (Bruce/Scott)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
September 5, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

MNCA Officers		Other Members of the Board of Directors	
President	Hillary Clawson	Arsenio Ayon	Ann Elise Sauer
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Reinhardt Gray	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rick Hutson	Mark Thompson
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rob Kolb	Peter Weyland

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:34 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from August 1 : Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance is \$2609.14 but bills to be paid, mainly for printing and mailing postcards to the 1136 addresses on Mason Neck, will reduce that to about \$1750.

Membership Report: No news

Wat Lao Update: The postcard about the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing on September 26 will be printed and mailed this week. Discussed situation with Supervisor Storck who supports MNCA and encourages attendance at the BZA hearing, although he thinks BZA is likely to disapprove the appeal. Will send emails to the neighborhood associations, perhaps get yard signs to draw attention to the hearing. Rick will call another meeting of the local opponents.

Next General membership Meeting--Candidates Night October 2: Expected participants are:
Congressman Don Beyer and his Republican opponent,
Senator Surovell
Delegate Tran
Mt. Vernon Supervisor Storck
Mt. Vernon School Board rep (and now School Board Chair) Karen Corbett-Sanders.

Postcard will be sent to Neck residents about 10 days before the event.

Abandoned house on Gunston Road? Unsightly, perhaps notify County.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 15: Special Naturalization Ceremony at Gunston Hall
Sept. 22: "Owl Moon"—Friends of Mason Neck State Park event—at Gunston Hall
Sept. 30: Wine tasting with food to benefit LCAC at the Scott residence

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:11

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
October 3, 2018

Attendees in bold face:

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

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

Minutes from September 5 : Motion to approve passed (Peter/Bruce)

Treasurer Report: Bank account balance is \$1590, minus about \$700 for the last two postcard mailings, plus \$380 in our PayPal account, so available funds are about \$1270—very low!

September General Membership Meeting—Candidates Night: Attendance was very disappointing, not much over 50, and maybe 20 of those were the candidates and their staffs. This is insulting to the candidates--we must do better. We will have a special Board meeting to brainstorm possible solutions, tentatively set for Sunday, Nov. 4.

Wat Lao: Their lawyer may be looking at applicability of freedom of assembly law.

“Park After Dark” at Mason Neck State Park on Oct. 20: Looking for a story-teller.

Replacement Board Member: Ann Elise Sauer resigned with regrets due to the press of other business. Our by-laws allow the Board to choose a replacement or leave the position vacant until the next Board election. We will make inquiries--someone from Harbor View would be great because we like to have all parts of the Neck represented.

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

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:07 (Marvin/Mark)