

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO-THOUSAND TWELVE, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE FREEDOM PARK MEETING ROOM AT THE FREEDOM PARK VISITORS CENTER, 5537 CENTERVILLE RD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Allen Ayers, Stonehouse
Phillip Doggett, Stonehouse
Doug Haller, Roberts
Malcolm Martin, Jamestown
Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse
Aaron Small, Jamestown
Mary Smallwood, Berkeley
Richard Strenkowski, Berkeley
Bob Winters, Powhatan

Committee Members Absent:

Louis Bott, Jr., Jamestown
Charlie Brewster, Roberts
Nitant Desai, Powhatan
Reed Johnson, Roberts

Staff Present:

Suzanne Dyba, Water Monitoring Coordinator
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
John Horne, General Services Manager

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The July 17, 2012 – Regular Meeting of the SPAC minutes were offered for approval: All ayes, and minutes were approved.

D. Staff Updates

- a. **New Committee members**– The committee welcomed members appointed by the James City County Board of Supervisors for another term: Doug Haller, Roberts district, and Aaron Small, Jamestown district.
- b. **New State Regulations affecting Local Stormwater Programs** – Fran Geissler discussed proposed state regulations affecting MS4 stormwater programs, and proceeded to summarize the facts for the Committee. New Virginia state regulations are underway. The State has an advisory panel for the new permit, and a draft is already in progress. On September 27th, the draft permit goes to the Soil and Water Conservation Board for approval, then will go to the EPA. Public comment times will be available between November and January. As far as content, the draft permit has added new requirements for local governments. The new regulations include more administrative work due to increases in reporting requirements. For the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, the state has

decided not to use the data that the county submitted, but instead to use weighted averages across entire river basins, which benefits western Virginia and may result in a lot of time spent tracking projects and data. Some questions and answers ensued about this topic.

E. **Order of Business**

- c. **Updates about the NFWF Grant** – Fran Geissler passed out a handout with the latest National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) grant information updating the Committee on the developments. James City County has been given a grant by NFWF to work with Williamsburg Environmental Group to receive their recommendations to retrofit county-owned stormwater facilities in order to improve water quality conditions. A kick-off meeting will be in early October and Ms. Geissler asked if any members of the SPAC would participate as a representative. The Committee made a motion to approve of volunteer representatives, and approved Aaron Small and Allen Ayers to be representatives for the committee.
- a. **Outreach/JCCPride Subcommittee: Grant Program update** – Fran passed out the latest information about the JCCPride grant update. Rich Strenkowski summarized the work of the Outreach Subcommittee: The grant program had been broken down into a Plant More Plants Grant opportunity and a Stormwater Water Quality Improvement Grant opportunity. There was discussion about the differences between the two different types of grants that would be available, the application process, the types of projects that the committee would be looking for, and how to advertise the grants. A suggestion was made to advertise with HOA management companies. Talk ensued about stormwater facilities and how it would be helpful for owners of the facilities to have a maintenance checklist for their files. Talk moved to general BMP maintenance and appropriate BMP plantings. A question was raised as to whether or not committee members could be on the voting committee for the grant if they are an applicant as well, and it was decided that the member would then not be voting, but they can still review with the rest of the committee. Their vote would go to another SPAC member or a Master Gardener. Charlie Brewster or Aaron Small will cast a vote to break any ties when it comes to voting on applications. A motion was made to approve application process and all approved. The two applications already submitted will have the opportunity to re-submit if the applicants so choose.
- b. **Outreach/JCCPride Subcommittee: Strategic Plan**– Allen Ayers discussed what the need for the JCCPride Strategic Plan was all about, and the need to identify the goals of JCCPride. He invited members to work with him in coming up with an outline to move forward with JCCPride. There was a need for outreach by committee members, as the stormwater staff have technical/scientific duties and there is no stormwater education person in the County. The goals and strategies will need to be identified and must stem from the committee’s original charter, and need to be a collaborative effort of all members. In the long-term, it would be good to have involvement with other local environmental groups in the community to establish common ground, perhaps a summit. Allen showed the members a draft copy of the strategic plan he has been working on, and will tweak it further and send a copy to all members one week before the next meeting. Doug Haller and Roger Schmidt agreed to work with Allen on the strategic plan.
- c. **FY14 Capital Improvement Program Budget Requests** – Fran Geissler discussed how at this time the Stormwater Division is being asked if there are any changes to the CIP budget but she affirms that there is no point to change anything now, and that any new projects are not a higher priority than projects already planned for. This question comes up every two years, due to the two-year budget cycle implemented by the county.

F. Committee Requests – None

G. The next meeting will be November 13, 2012 at 4:00 PM, Freedom Park Meeting Room

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm



Aaron B. Small, Chairman



Frances C. Geissler, Secretary