

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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
Louis Bott, Jr., Jamestown
Charlie Brewster, Roberts
Nitant Desai, Powhatan
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:

None

Staff Present:

Suzanne Dyba, Water Monitoring Coordinator
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The September 18, 2012 – Regular Meeting of the SPAC minutes were offered for approval: All ayes, and minutes were approved.

D. Staff Updates

- a. **New Committee members**– Reed Johnson has resigned from the committee. There was some discussion as to whether or not his seat should be advertised and it was decided that if there are currently any applications in for a spot, then the matter will be considered, but at this time it is not necessary to advertise for new members.
- b. **New State Regulations affecting Local Stormwater Programs** – Fran Geissler discussed proposed state regulations affecting MS4 stormwater programs, and proceeded to explain that she will be sending a letter to the Soil and Water Conservation Board, and regulatory staff at the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation to request that the new regulations be written so that the regulated community is able to calculate load reductions based on actual local data as opposed to an averaged approach across the Commonwealth.
- c. **Ware Creek Watershed Management Plan Stakeholder Meeting** – Fran Geissler passed out a flyer for the Ware Creek Watershed stakeholder meeting which is to be held

at the James City County Library at 7770 Croaker Road on November 29, 2012 at 6:30. Citizens can come and discuss priorities for the management of the watershed.

- d. **National Fish and Wildlife Grant Updates** – Fran Geissler passed out a handout with the latest National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) grant information updating the Committee on developments. The Garden Love/Turf Love grant program has been extended to the end of June. Although the lead on this project was ill for a brief time during this grant period, the numbers of rain gardens installed have been favorable. Stormwater staff have received positive comments from citizens concerning the rain gardens that have been installed.
- e. **Capital Improvement Project Updates** – Fran Geissler passed out a handout describing where the Stormwater Division stands on Capital Projects. She explained that with the limited staff and funding to the division, plans and projects are progressing and may need to be re-prioritized at a later time. There was some general discussion and questions and answers about various projects on the list. She also discussed an upcoming grant program designed to aid citizens who live in flood prone areas to do some flood-proofing of their homes and properties.

E. Order of Business

- a. **Outreach/JCCPride Subcommittee: Grant Program update** – Suzanne Dyba summarized the four JCCPride Grant applications that were submitted. Rich Strenkowski made a motion to extend the application deadline to December 31, 2012, and all members agreed. It was emphasized by members that staff should re-advertise with local HOA management companies. Some general discussion ensued as to who exactly was eligible to apply and it was determined that any neighborhood or business in James City County is eligible.
- 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 discussed the draft that he had been working on and there was committee discussion about the document and how to tweak it to better represent the JCCPride objectives. It was agreed that the strategic plan should be a focused approach to public outreach and should provide a formal set of goals for the subcommittee. Fran agreed to set additional meetings specifically for strategic planning and to find a facilitator to manage the process.
- c. **Election of 2013 Officers** – For the election of officers for calendar year 2013, the following nominations took place: Aaron Small for Chairman, Charlie Brewster for vice-Chairman, and Fran Geissler for Secretary. All ayes.

F. Committee Requests – None

G. The next meeting will be January 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM, Freedom Park Meeting Room

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm

Aaron B. Small, Chairman

Frances C. Geissler, Secretary