

Minutes
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
June 1, 2010
Final

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was called to order on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:05pm in the Small Conference Room at Columbia Association Headquarters. In attendance were Members Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Brian England (Vice Chair), Mark Charles (7:18)pm, Jane Dembner, Tom Frederick, Debbie Cappuccitti (7:12pm.), Steven Bennett. Also in attendance for Columbia Association was Sean Harbaugh (Staff Liaison).

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by a unanimous vote (5-0-0).

Approval of May 4, 2010 Minutes

Minutes passed, with changes, by a vote of 5-0-2 (Bennet and Cappuccitti abstained). The changes: 1) add Charles to attendees; 2) correct Little Patuxent River to Middle Patuxent River under web postings; 3) delete Frog and Turtle Watch under Future Activities.

Update on Watershed Manager Position

Harbaugh provided an update; currently in interview phase of hiring process and hope to have a candidate selected and onboard in July 2010.

Committee Member Update

There are four vacancies on the WAC: Oakland Mills, Kings Contrivance, River Hill, and Harper's Choice. Dembner stated the June meeting was her last, as she has taken a new position at the Columbia Association. CA and the Villages will actively seek new members.

Lake Elkhorn Subwatershed Retrofit Update

Harbaugh provided an update on the status of the 18 watershed retrofits for the Lake Elkhorn subwatershed. All 18 have been funded by CA, and have received 2010 Trust Fund grant monies. It will be a top priority of the Watershed Manager to get the Retrofits through engineering, permits, the community, and construction.

Future Subwatershed Retrofits

- Columbia Association and Howard County have jointly applied for Trust Fund Grant monies for 2012 and 2013.

Community Engagement Group

The following upcoming items were discussed:

- Educational postings for website
 - Campbell to draft an article on Purple Loosestrife for July
 - Thomas to draft an article on English Ivy for August
 - Cappuccitti to draft an article on Conservation Landscaping for future use by June 30th
 - Dembner to draft a stormdrain stenciling fact sheet
- Website to be scrubbed and list of updates by Schweinfurth

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- Other Activities Ideas – engage the public in retrofit projects by using signage, and involving them in plantings and other project activities.

Village Board Communications

- Dembner to submit a written report to Harpers Choice for June 15
- Charles, England, and Schweinfurth to contact Villages to present at next Village Board Meeting
- Bennet to present at July Dorsey Search Village Board meeting

Process for Removal of Watershed Advisory Committee Member

Removal Process for Columbia Association Watershed Advisory Committee Member document passed, as amended, 6-0-1 (Cappuccitti abstained). Changes: delete “automatically” in first paragraph and insert “during the next committee meeting” after “removed”.

Summer Meeting Schedule

No changes to the schedule. WAC is scheduled to meet in July and August.

Other Business

None

Meeting Adjourned – 8:15pm

Future Agenda Items

- Watershed Website/Fact Sheets and Articles
- Website content update
- Watershed Manager Update
- Village Reports
- New committee member orientation

Action Items

- Action – Schweinfurth to submit list of needed changes for website
- Action – Campbell to submit article for the Education section of the website.
- Action – Thomas to submit article for the Education section of the website.
- Action – Cappuccitti to submit article for the Education section of the website.
- Action – Dembner to submit article for the Education section of the website.
- Action – Dembner to submit WAC update report to Harpers Choice village board
- Action – Charles, England, and Schweinfurth to present at next Village Board Meeting