

Minutes
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
September 1, 2009
Final

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was called to order on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:13pm in the Board Room at Columbia Association Headquarters. In attendance were Members Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Brian England (Vice Chair), Jane Dembner, Jeff Campbell, Mark Charles (arrived 7:30pm), Sylvia Huestis, Ron Vance. Also in attendance for Columbia Association were Sean Harbaugh (Staff Liaison) and Steve Sattler.

Chesapeake Watershed

Guest speaker Ned Tillman discussed issues related to the Chesapeake Watershed. These included: 1) Engaging government, businesses and individuals; 2) Recommending a public session be held for multiple Villages on watershed topics; and 3) Consider placing Ned's book on the CA watershed web site

Approval of Agenda

Dembner moved to approve the agenda with the following change: Move "Committee FY11 and 12 Budget Input" to become 6A (after "Discussion: Community Engagement Group"). Campbell seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Approval of May 5 Minutes

Dembner moved to approve the minutes. Huestis seconded. The motion passed 4-0-2 (Campbell and Vance abstained)

Approval of June 2 Minutes

Huestis moved to approve the minutes. Dembner seconded. The motion passed 4-0-2 (Campbell and Vance abstained)

Membership Update

Vance was officially welcomed to his first meeting as a member of WAC. It was announced that Thomas Frederick was recommended by Town Center as their choice for replacing Atal Eralp. Sattler stated he would include this recommendation on the agenda of the next External Relations Committee (ERC) meeting for their approval, after which it would be sent to the CA Board of Directors (BOD) for final approval. The next BOD meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 24.

Community Engagement Group (CEG)

Schweinfurth and Huestis presented a description of goals and responsibilities for the Community Engagement Group. Dembner motioned to approve the defined goals and responsibilities. Huestis seconded. Motioned passed 6-0-1 (Charles abstained)

The following WAC members volunteered to participate in the CEG: Dembner, Huestis, Schweinfurth and Vance

A goal was set for the CEG to present a plan of action to the WAC at the WAC's November meeting.

Committee FY11 and 12 Budget Input

Members of WAC discussed and agreed for CA to submit six projects for funding, and are prioritized as follows:

- 1) Hiring a CA Watershed Manager
- 2) 18 Retrofit projects identified in the CA Watershed Management Plan
- 3) Outfall projects
- 4) Demonstration projects at Lake Elkhorn
- 5) Reforestation and stream buffer rebate program on private and business properties
- 6) Rebate program for rain barrels, rain gardens, and downspout disconnections

Dembner motioned to approve submission of projects for funding. England seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Early Action Projects

Harbaugh reported October 17, 2009 was still the date for the fall public reforestation project.

Village Board Communications

Huestis, England and Dembner stated they had given updates to their respective Villages at their last Village BOD meeting. Ideas from the updates included interpretative stream walks and signage saying "no moving beyond this point" to maintain stream buffers.

WAC Recommended Watershed Protection Framework

Staff changes were presented to the WAC. Dembner motioned to approve the revised *Watershed Protection Framework*. Huestis seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Charles abstained)

WAC Charter

Discussion on Staff changes to the Charter was tabled until the next WAC meeting

Other Business

CLEER

Elaine Pardoe advised the WAC that CLEER was going to testify on behalf of watershed funding at the CA Public Pre-Budget Input Session on September 9

BGE Transmission Line Update

Meeting at Owen Brown Community Center on proposed Transmission Line Vegetation Management Plan pilot project on Sept 22, at 7pm

Adjournment – 9:10pm

England motioned. Dembner seconded. Unanimous vote

Future Agenda Items

- Grant Updates
- Invasive Plants
- Watershed Charter

- Community Engagement Group Update
- Update on WAC Presentations to their Village Boards
- Early Action Projects
- Budget Item Feedback

Action Items

Action – CA to consider putting Tillman’s book on the CA web site

Action – Sattler to seek official approval of Thomas Frederick through the ERC and CA BOD

Action: CEG to present a plan of action to the WAC at the WAC’s November meeting

Action – Fall reforestation to take place on October 17