

Minutes of CA Watershed Advisory Committee April 10, 2008

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was held on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 7 p.m. at historic Oakland Manor. In attendance were Committee Members Monica Schmitt, Ray Gard, Jane Dembner, Robert Schweinfurth, Jeff Campbell, Sylvia Huestis, Tom Mateya, Atal Eralp, Mark Charles, Bill Santos and Brian England. Also in attendance were CA Staff Liaison Steve Sattler and CA Team Members Jan Clark and Diana Kelly of Open Space.

Closed Meetings

A closed meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2008 to review Request for Proposal responses from consultants.

Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes

Minutes from the March 12, 2008 meeting were approved with amendments.

Discussion

A 60-day communication plan was presented and discussed.

Samples of existing conditions around Columbia were discussed, and a map and list showing the locations was distributed to the committee members.

Tom Schueler, of Chesapeake Stormwater Network, was the guest speaker. He presented on watershed terminology, hot spots and the role of the watershed adviser in the process, as well as stakeholder theory and early action projects. Committee members requested a copy of Tom's PowerPoint presentation in electronic format.

A fall stream clean-up event was discussed. An agreement was reached that a Fall Watershed Day should be held.

The committee discussed having an email list server created and consensus was to develop one using a website such as Yahoo Groups.

Action: Committee Members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting to develop action items for Fall Watershed Day planning.

Other Business

An update on the General Growth Properties and Columbia Association meeting held April 3, 2008, was discussed.

Support was requested for the BikeAbout event, to be held Saturday, April 26, 2008, for someone to present forebay education.

A suggestion was made to table having Master Gardeners attend as a guest speaker at a future meeting until the committee has developed more specific goals and actions.

A discussion was held to consider inviting a speaker on nonprofit marketing organization to speak at a future meeting. This issue was tabled for future discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven P. Sattler

Approved by the Watershed Advisory Committee on August 5, 2008