

**Minutes of
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
September 2, 2008; 7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 7pm at Oakland Manor. In attendance were Committee Members Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Mark Charles (Vice Chair), Jeff Campbell, Brian England, Monica Schmitt, Tom Mateya, Ray Gard, Sylvia Huestis and Debbie Cappuccitti. Also in attendance from CA were Steve Satller (Staff Liaison), Sean Harbaugh, Jan Clark, and Antoinette Eckstrom.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of:

9 – Campbell asked for a 5 minute discussion on the website plan

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 5, 2008 meeting were approved 9-0-0 with the following revisions under "CA Watershed Web Site":

Motion: "Campbell strongly recommended completing requirements for the website, for example by developing use cases, before developing the initial site. He also encouraged people attending the meeting to provide suggestions for the website." England motioned to accept the motion, Dembner seconded the motion. Passed 8-1-0 with Cappuccitti voting against.

Watershed Project Prioritization

3. England voiced concern with the Versar watershed plan. He asked Sean what items would be going into the grant request, and what percentage of the grant would cover the Wilde Lake Watershed Plan. After a discussion on retrofits the following a **motion** was made. that

"The process for watershed investments, in general should be addressed in the following order:

- 1) street and parking lot retrofits;
- 2) renovation of outfalls;
- 3) Repairing streams; and
- 4) Removal of sediments, starting with the upland areas of the sub watersheds".

The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-1. Cappuccitti against, Campbell abstained.

CA Lake Dredging Project

There was a brief discussion on a previous motion to hold off on starting the dredging of the 2 lakes (Kittamaqundi and Elkhorn) until the watershed plan is complete.

Sean informed the committee an the updated on the dredging scheduled was available on the website.

Mark asked Sean what type of permit CA had requested and. Sean will getobtain the that information and bringreport back to the committee.

After a brief discussion a **motion** was made to **invite request that CA Vice President/Open Space, Chick Rhodehamel and any other staff involved in the dredging to the next WAC meeting to discuss the process and design of the dredging of both lakes.**

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Presentation – Water Quality

Charles prepared and presented a portion of a water quality program. He will continue the presentation at a future WAC committee meeting.

Rain Barrel-Covenant Language

Sattler provided a sample of covenant language for the villages to incorporate in their covenants. After reviewing, the following **re was a motion** was made. to

Change the size of the rain barrels to be no more than 65 gallons and approve the language as amended..

The motion passed 9-0-0.

Yardstick and Rain Gardens

Huestis shared an article about a study done in Minnesota in which Rainwater Gardens reduce Storm-Waterstormwater Runoff. The study confirmed that the system can reduce the volume of surface runoff by 90 percent. Huestis is giving talks within the community in reference to about Rain Gardens and also the impact of Rain Barrels.

Huestis also provided the committee with a checklist brochure called the Yardstick put out distributed by the Maryland Cooperative Extension. The brochure is planned to be updated, so send suggestions to Huestis.

CA Watershed Website

Sattler provided the WAC with content ideas for the CA Watershed Website. Sattler has a goal of launching the website by October 1. Campbell provided Sattler with some written comments from residents. There was some discussion about holding off on launching the website, but the committee agreed to go ahead. Cappuccitti suggested localizing the website with information about specific issues and interests related to Columbia. A link to the website in progress will be provided to the WAC in a few weeks.

Stakeholder Involvement Plan

Sattler presented a written copy of the 90 Day Messaging Strategy for the Columbia Association Watershed Plan. Additionally as part of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan, the CA website has a link to a form that Columbia residents can use to submit comments and concerns about natural resources and stormwater impacts in Columbia watersheds.

Other Business

Cappuccitti suggested a discussion on the potential for use of Rain Gardens in Columbia for a future WAC meeting and she will do research on the issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:205 pm.

Action Items

- Invite Chick Rhodehalem and involved staff to the October meeting to talk about dredging of the 2 lakes – Sattler
- Check to see what type of permit was requested by CA for dredging – Harbaugh
- Research Rain Gardens – Cappuccitti
- Send link to WAC of the draft watershed website – Sattler

Approved by the Watershed Advisory Committee on November 5, 2008