

**Minutes of
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
October 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was held Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at 7pm, in the Board Room at the Columbia Association Headquarters. In attendance were Committee Members Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Mark Charles (Vice Chair), Jeff Campbell, Brian England, Monica Schmitt, Tom Mateya, Ray Gard, Sylvia Huestis, Jane Dembner, Atal Eralp and Debbie Cappuccitti,. Also in attendance from CA were Sean Harbaugh (Staff Liaison), Steve Sattler, Jan Clark, Antoinette Eckstrom and Chick Rhodehamel (Vice President Open Space Management).

Agenda

The agenda was approved by Huestis and seconded by Dembner with the addition of:

Item #9 – Other Business – Schweinfurth asked to discuss changing the date of the next WAC meeting.

Item #4 – CA Dredging Project – include the report of September 17, 2008 Wilde Lake Village Board Special Meeting on the Proposed Wilde Lake Restoration.

Item #8 – Storm Water Maintenance – Cappuccitti will present information

MINUTES of September 2, 2008

The minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting will be discussed and approved at the next WAC meeting scheduled for November 5, 2008. The following information needed to be added to the approval of the August 5, 2008 Minutes:

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.

CA Dredging Project

Sattler introduced Chick Rhodehamel, Vice President of Open Space Management, who was present to update the WAC on the dredging of Lake Kittamaquandi and Lake Elkhorn. Rhodehamel discussed in detail the process which will take place at both lakes. He introduced the issue of dredging of Lake Kittamaquandi more than 7 years ago to CA staff and Board of Directors. CA submitted two separate permits, one for each lake dredging in May 2008. Both permits were submitted at the same time. Schweinfurth asked if the permit only included the dredging of the lakes and Rhodehamel affirmed that it is only for the dredging. WAC is concerned about the watershed issues upstream.

Rhodehamel was asked about Wilde Lake and he said they are looking at modifications and that there are no recommendations on forebay at Wilde Lake at this time.

England asked if outfalls were included in the Wilde Lake grant and if CA was looking at any long term plans. He gave the committee several statistics on the issues associated with the outfalls. Eralp asked if the permits that were submitted were public documents. The permits can be reviewed by the public.

Schweinfurth thought there were plans for work at the Lake Elkhorn forebay.

Campbell spoke on Lake Elkhorn forebay and some accomplishments. He asked when Rhodehamel thought the dredging would occur. Rhodehamel confirmed most probably next summer. CA would like to respect use of the lake. Campbell also shared information on the fact that there have been many requests for the available funds.

Mateya expressed concern that the cost of the project has escalated. Rhodehamel agreed but there is an increase in sediment and construction costs from the time of the project's introduction. Cappuccitti asked if there were any other communities in Maryland who are working on the same issues. Rhodehamel said he knew Montgomery County to be working on similar issues.

Versar Update

Harbaugh updated the WAC on the progress of VERSAR. They are out in the field finishing their field work and compiling the information. Schweinfurth asked about the responses on the website and Harbaugh said there were under a dozen. Huestis asked about the online surveys. They are not currently ready. Gard requested any information pertaining to watershed from the villages be sent to the WAC. Huestis asked for specific information on how to share the survey information with residents in her village.

Sattler agreed to send the link to the comment page to the committee.

Watershed Quality Presentation

Charles presented his continuing information on the Water Quality Program. **It was requested that when he completes the presentation that it is put onto the Watershed Management website.**

CA Watershed Website

Sattler presented Phase 1 of the Watershed Management Plan website. He helped explain how to navigate through the site. The committee voiced concern about not getting information that would be placed on the website.

Campbell made a motion that all press releases that relate to the watershed will be sent to all Watershed Advisory Committee members at the same time as release, if not before. Mateya seconded the motion.

Clark discussed the tree planting project in Dorsey Hall on the 18th of October. The WAC voiced concerns about getting timely and complete information for anything that is related to watershed. The committee briefly discussed what information for events that are related to WAC and Columbia's watersheds.. Schweinfurth suggested a committee member take the lead on the content of the website.

There was a brief discussion on the role of the WAC. Eralp is not clear what the role of the WAC and there was a decision to add the discussion of the role of the WAC at the next WAC meeting. **Charles moved to have Sattler move forward on the website. Huestis seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0-0.**

Storm Water Maintenance

Cappuccitti presented the WAC with information on Policies and Procedures for Stormwater Management Utility Fees from the City of Rockville. Cappuccitti briefly reviewed the information with the committee.

Other Business

After a brief discussion on changing the date of the next WAC meeting due to the Presidential election, the agreed date was changed to Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Sattler will book the date for the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette Eckstrom

Action Items

- Send the link to the comment page to the committee-Sattler
- Book November 5 for the next WAC meeting at Headquarters-Sattler

Approved by the Watershed Advisory Committee on November 5, 2008