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Watershed Advisory Committee Minutes May 9, 2017

Attendees:

WAC Board: Bess Caplan, Sheila ?, Alan Pflugrad, Bob Moynihan, Tim Titus, John McCoy,

Residents: Elaine Pardoe

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm at the CA Aquatics Center. A quorum was present and elected Bess Caplan to serve as *ad hoc* Vice Chair to conduct the meeting. Tim Titus served as *ad hoc* secretary.

Approval of agenda: An agenda for the meeting was discussed and approved.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the March 28, 2017 minutes was deferred.

New business:

- Tim Titus will draft a letter of thanks to Dan Kirk-Davidoff for his exemplary service to the WAC. CA will prepare and post the letter.
- A resident has asked to be considered to serve as the At Large representative. After discussion the board decided to focus attention on filling existing village board vacancies before deciding on an At Large member. The interested resident will be notified of the board decision and will be invited to attend WAC meetings. John McCoy will send advertisement language to the villages of RH, DS, HC, and OB for publication in their village newsletters. Hopefully, these ads will help local boards identify individuals to represent these village vacancies.
- For new members there was discussion of what the purpose, mission, and vision of the WAC is. Bob Moynihan agreed to distribute three documents (WAC Charter, Review of WAC Charter, and What WAC is responsible for...) via the Google Groups to help answer this question.

Manager's Report:

- The Open Space Assessment Report dated April 2017 is available on the CA web site. Members are encouraged to read the report.
- The schedule for "Bugs that bite" is published. These eight sessions scheduled from May 10, 2017 to June 29, 2017 provide information about tick and mosquito prevention in Columbia.
- John handed out an embargoed draft of the CA "Exploring Open Space." He asked members of the WAC to review the content and send comments directly to him. It is scheduled for a final edit before it will be printed and distributed. Until then it is a closely held document.
- The capital projects for the weir above Jackson Pond (LR) and the bio-retention facility at Snowy Reach (WL) are complete.

Resident speakout: None

Village Reports:

- Long Reach (Tim) The attempts to create a LR WAC have failed. Tim will try to generate some interest by leading some Weed Warrior events. Two major projects will impact LR during the next two years. CA is building an indoor tennis facility on Dobbin Road and the LR Village Center will undergo major reconstruction and renovation.
- Town Center (Bob) Bob will be bringing a TC resident who is interested in stormwater issues to the next meeting.
- Kings Contrivance (Alan) Alan published an environmental annual report. Interest is waning on the local WAC, and there are only a few members still active. Alan has managed many projects in KC including macroinvertebrate indexing, watershed steward analyses, and chemical probes.
- Wilde Lake (Bess) The CARES (Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship) continues to be active in WL. WL gave away 50 free trees on April 29, 2017. WL held a plant exchange on the same day featuring the exchange of a donated natives for another native plant. Bess hopes to expand this CA wide in future years and to make this an annual event. On July 17th WL will host a seminar on water quality. After an expert panel discussion there will be time for questions.

Action items:

- Draft letter of thanks to Dan. (Tim)
- Notify At Large applicant of board discussion. (John)
- Draft language seeking WAC village reps sent to RH, DS, HC, OB. (John)
- Send WAC documents to board members. (Bob)
- Read the Open Space Report found on CA web. (Board)
- Provide comments on "Exploring Open Space" directly to John. (Board)

Future meetings:

- The default meeting dates are the second Tuesday of odd months. (July 11, 2017 and September 12, 2017 are scheduled) Meeting time is 7:00pm. And the default meeting place is CA Aquatics building.
- FIELD TRIP – At the July meeting (July 11, 2017) we will meet earlier at the CA Aquatics building at **6:00PM** for a tour of several capital projects. John will provide van transportation, and the tour should take about two hours.

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