

## WAC meeting minutes

11/14/17

Attendees: Shari Zaret (CA Board), Bess Caplan (WL), Sheila Robinson (OM), Debra Wessner (HR), Tim Titus (LR), Bob Moynihan (TC), Elaine Pardoe (founder of CLEER), Cara Heilveil (RH), Danielle Bodner (CA), Bill Cain (OB)

Revision to the agenda, move village reports first – approved

Cara Heilveil - new Riverhill member

Bill Cain – wants to create a microbiology course online for his neighbors; Deb suggests making posts to the OB newsletter educating residents on this topic. Making presentation to OB board on Dec 5 and wants to use CARES' goals for OB

Approval of minutes for July and September

Add Tim to July minutes as an attendee

Sept 12 minutes – items in blue are action items

Minutes are accepted as amended.

Resident Speak-Out

- Elaine Pardoe – best way to wash car without polluting is to not wash car at all.

Village Reports

- Alan – not in attendance, he sent his report via email
  - Will post letter seeking new member in KC newsletter
- Tim – 3 great programs in Howard County: 1) Howard County legacy leadership for the environment – program lasts 10 weeks and introduces people to the environment; 2) Watershed Stewards Academy – helps residents tackle stormwater issues; 3) Weed Warrior Program – remove invasive species
  - Tried to set up a weed warrior program in Long Reach. 3 people were interested but two couldn't come on the date. Did not hold program. Will try again in the spring.
  - Two major development plans – 1) CA tennis barn, 2) Long Reach village center-mixed use commercial and residential space
  - Will continue to submit information to the newsletter
- Bob – putting materials in the newsletter; wants more open space pamphlets; wants to do a Weed Warrior program in the spring
- Sheila – meeting with boy scouts (Radikha)
- Bill – see above

- Bess – clean up in October, lots of trash, 8 volunteers
- Deb – had a clean-up, 20 volunteers. Lots of trash on Howard county property. Off martin road near church and Seneca. Planning a pull and plant. Will also have a rain garden seminar in late spring.
- We have a member at large in the HR WAC – this member is not a CA member; lives on an outparcel
- River Hill – Watershed Palooza – 89 participants. Did stream clean up in fall as well. Plans for a pull and plant. Working to get restaurants to only hand out straws when people ask.

What to do when you see people dumping leaves in Open Space? Put up a sign saying “no dumping” and let your Village Board know. Or get the name of contractor and let CA know.

Put opening for Dorsey Search Rep on Nextdoor.com

Open Space has a new email address to handle Open Space requests. Put email address on village newsletters and other ways you are sharing information about CA.

John McCoy Report

- Interfaith reforestation planting effort off Farewell - New approach to tree planting – more dense. 5 saplings per square meter. Fence the entire site as a deer exclusion.
- Dredging in Wilde Lake – wetland bench will be built on Tayman property. Dredge materials will be placed at Murray Hill
- Last of original concept design projects, Dobbin Road, is under construction. Dobbin at Oakland Mills – channel is being reformed in that location.

CA Budget

- Proposed work in '20 at Proudfoot – relic sediment trap left after development of HC. Partially filled in and has erosion problems at the outfall. Discussion to breach berm and rebuild stream through it.

Request through resident speak out to develop an advisory capacity related to sustainability. John met with CA staff and Milton to discuss. We could take a functioning committee and expand or create a new sustainability committee.

Focus our next meeting on what the expanded charter will look like? CA Board and CA (John and Jeremy) will send us their thoughts on what the expanded charter might look like. Bess will ask climate change group what they think about an expansion of the WAC.

Proposal to Change Meeting Dates/Times

Second Monday of every month. Keep second Tuesday meeting for January. Move to second Monday for months after that.