

Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
CA Maintenance Facility 9450 Gerwig Lane
July 15 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Chair Deborah Wessner.

The proposed agenda was approved by consensus of those present.

In attendance: CA WAC representatives from villages listed below*. Danielle represented CA staff.

Approved the minutes from the May meeting.

Former Columbia Resident and CLEER Chair Elaine Pardoe was present and indicated there is an active community of seniors working on watershed and landscape issues at Miller's Grant.

The committee is seeking new members from the following villages: Oakland Mills and Long Reach. Long Reach representative Tim Titus resigned recently and Sheila Robinson resigned last year, both to care for ill relatives.

John Klein reported that the Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee was still presenting their charter and climate change issues to village boards.

Danielle Tyeryar presented the CA Watershed Manager's Report.

- CA has received a new grant for Rain Garden Cost Share program. It will not be widely announced as there is already a waiting list since the previous grants were expended and there will be a focus on setting up rain gardens in the Kendall Ridge area of Columbia (Long Reach Village).
- CA is planning on a Plant Exchange on October 19 at the Owen Brown Village Center.
- There are two additional "Columbia On Foot" events on July 24 and August 12 with Ned Tillman and CA Open Space staff.
- Work on the renovation of the Sand Pit at the CA facility has been started. The sand Pit is used to capture oil and other sediment from CA Vehicle cleaning.

A discussion was held after Danielle mentioned the possibility of putting up more deer feeders. All villages are feeling the impact of the deer roaming into residents' landscapes and gardens and foraging. Danielle indicated the feeders had been put up as an experiment several years ago in Kings Contrivance, Owen Brown and River Hill near the MPEA. Other villages are interested in a possible expansion of this program if it has been deemed to have been successful.

Deborah provided copies of the Environmental Strategic Priority adopted by the CA Board that had relevance to Watershed Activities. The work on this priority was spearheaded by CA Board members Shari Zaret (liaison to the Watershed Advisory Committee) and Virginia Thomas (liaison to the Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee.) WAC members were requested to share this priority and goals with the village boards and identify and work (capital or operating) that might be required in the villages for upcoming 2021-22 Budget input.

Bob Moynihan shared information (via email) on controlling erosion on steep hills that reps can share in their own communities if they wish.

Each village representative present reported on activities in their village relevant to watershed education and outreach.

Next Meeting will be Monday Sep 9

***CAWAC Representatives (those who were present are in BOLD):**

At Large – John Klein

Columbia Town Center – Bob Moynihan

Dorsey Search – Janine Grossman

Harper's Choice – Norman

Hickory Ridge -Deborah Wessner

Kings Contrivance – Gail Holm

Oakland Mills - OPEN

Owen Brown - Chris Price

River Hill – Cara Heilveil

Long Reach - OPEN

Wilde Lake – Susan Tucker