

# *The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee*

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Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Meeting  
Loudoun County Government Center Building  
Purcellville Room  
1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

**Loudoun Members Present:** Chairman Mark Peterson, Vice-Chairman John Isom, Benjamin Lawrence, Phil Daley

**Loudoun Members Absent:** Joan Rokus, Lynn Gibson, Stephen Combs-Lafleur

**Legislative Advisor:** Kurt Erickson, (absent)

**County Staff Present:** Kevin Hale, Department Building and Development, Randy Willford, Assistant Director, Department of General Services, Mark Novak, Recording Secretary, PRCS

**Catoctin Creek:** Anne D. Larson (Absent)

**Fauquier Members:** None Present

**Guests:** N/A

## **Chairman's Business**

Chairman Mark Peterson officially called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The first order of business was a discussion regarding the Sycolin Road remains of the old bridge in Goose Creek. Some of the committee members met on site prior to this meeting to observe the structure. Chairman Peterson received a call from Dick Gibbons of the state board asking for comments from the committee. Chairman Peterson invited Randy Willford, Assistant Director of Loudoun County General Services to provide background on the County's involvement with the bridge. Randy provided a timeline on the bridge starting in 2000 when it was brought to the County's attention through the Keep Loudoun Beautiful organization. Concerns with the group at that time were the buildup of debris and making it difficult to canoe under or around. Loudoun County General Services contacted to have the debris removed, but during the process had to stop due to concerns from the City of Fairfax, who's water source intake was down river. They had concerns on sediment contamination of the intake which supplies the drinking water for the City. Loudoun County General Services looked into the removal of the bridge again in 2008 when an adjacent land owner requested the bridge be removed. At that time removal of the bridge was deemed too costly and concerns of environmental issues were

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raised. Currently Loudoun County General Services has contracted WSSI to have an environmental study done.

The committee continued the discussion on how the bridge might be removed and what the next steps might be such as what approach to take, if the Board of Supervisors will need to sign off and whether it can be funded through storm water management. Chairman Peterson will contact Dick Gibbons and ask who comments should be sent to in regards to the committee's.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the **Hamilton Room on the 2nd Floor** of the Loudoun County Government Building at 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia.

**Committee Business**

Chairman Peterson will send out a draft letter on the current membership list. At the January meeting a formal list will be provided that will be voted on for the official membership list. Chairman Peterson asked that each current member bring to the January meeting a new potential member.

**Recognition:**

Chairman Peterson recommended recognition of Jane Teel Norman, a past member and Chairman who recently passed away.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark A. Novak, ASLA  
Chief Park Planner  
Loudoun County Department  
of Parks Recreation and Community Services