

**The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee**  
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Minutes of the May 22, 2018 Meeting  
Loudoun County Government Center Building  
Purcellville Room  
1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

**Members Present:** Chairman Phil Daley, Blake Netherwood (vice Chair), John Isom, Mark Peterson, Dennis Kruse

**Members Absent:** Jeff Millington, Roy Liggett

**County Staff Present:** Marie Genovese, P&Z (Filling in as Recording Secretary)

**Guests:** None present

**Catoctin Committee Members:** No Members present

**Fauquier Committee Members:** No Members present

**Chairman's Business**

Chairman Phil Daley called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

First order of business the Chairman set the next meeting July 17, 2018 10:00AM at NRPA headquarters, 22377 Belmont Ridge Rd, Ashburn, VA 20148. Followed by tour of Beaverdam Reservoir.

Next order was the review/approval of Minutes of March 20, 2018 meeting. Approved with correction in paragraph 1B – change Tat to "that". Chairman requested motion for approval. Second by John Isom, motion passed.

Next, the Chairman discussed looking at holding future meetings closer to Fauquier, but will continue to meet at Loudoun County government building until further notice. Discussion to remove Fauquier as a sub-committee, but solicit persons/organizations from Fauquier County be more active as members of the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee.

**Committee's Business:**

**Scenic River Crossing Signs**

Chairman Daley sent in request for Loudoun & Fauquier signs. VDOT said someone will need to pay to have signs made. Signs should indicate that these are state scenic rivers. Chairman Daley asked that the DCR advisory board put the cost of signs and maintenance in

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the budget. Signs are currently at major crossings (Rt. 50, Greenway and Rt.7, Rt 17 and I-66) but, not at Evergreen Mills Road (Rt. 641) St Louis Rd and several crossings in Fauquier Co.

### **GCSRAC Pamphlet**

Bake updated our brochure in an electronic format and County staff printed it and sent to all landowners along creek. Blake also sent to the committee information on how to access the email address. Members on the committee should be able to access email. Blake will check to see if the committee's email address could be forwarded to all the committee members email address. Further discussion concerning should there be Website for committee. Chairman Daley would like input on the list of property owners. Blake will contact some of the property owners to see if they would like to join GCSRAC.

### **Meeting with DCR**

Bruce Johnson from Catocin and Chairman Daley went to the Shenandoah State Park on April 27<sup>th</sup> on an overview of the state parks. Most of the parks do not have sufficient funding to do much. There was discussion on reestablishing scenic creek advocacy at the state level. This proposal received well but by the group present but no formal decision was made to pursue this. There are only three committee's currently, but also several "friends of" groups which do not interact with the state.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2020)**

Proposed Logos. Look over and let Chairman Daley know which one GCSRAC would like to use. General discussion, over all 1<sup>st</sup> page seem best. Chairman Daley will respond 3<sup>rd</sup> page is more appropriate but for recognizing the scenic river program in general, with the logo on the 1<sup>st</sup> page more appropriate for 50 Year anniversary.

### **Visit/Tour Loudoun Water- Beaverdam**

Mark Peterson will provide information on Loudoun Waters' new facility for those interested. In addition, will provide a tour (next meeting) to committee to show where new park is planned to be development and how the reservoir will be used as a recreational amenity.

### **2020 Envision Loudoun**

Meeting will be held tonight (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) at Cascades. Committee members should attend if possible. Read chapters 3 & 6 which deal with the green/public infrastructure.

### **Emerald Ribbon's**

Dennis would like to introduce committee to Emerald Ribbon's concept for trails within Loudoun County. John moved to have the discussion on the July agenda.

#### **New Business:**

Data Center-Luck Stone area, north of Loudoun Water treatment plant south of Quarry. Land application should come to GCSRAC. Luck Stone is selling property to a business that wants to build a Data Center.

Creighton Hill – Property along Goose Creek and Lime Kiln Road. This is a ' By-Right' development consisting of 27 homes. Does/should the Committee review By-Right developments? Consensus is 'yes' if it borders Goose Creek.

True North Data Center – Dennis commented, original plan for SWM showed something other than a pond. Plans now show a pond. Dennis proposed committee go to site and see what is constructed. We will have to find someone on County Staff who can get us access to this project.

RSCOD – Dennis suggested that RSCOD need to be put back in zoning ordinance. Committee discussed what the role of GCSRAC should be in terms of advocating for RSCOD or addition buffers. Seems the current Comprehensive plan and proposed Envision Loudoun both indicate the 300 foot buffer zone—but in reality zoning regulations only indicate a 200 foot buffer for Scenic Rivers, with a provision that that can be further reduced by approval of the County Director of Building and development. Needs clarification with County Zoning.

Goose Creek Corridor Plan – Blake read a section from the plan regarding vision of advisory board. Dennis asked what the committee's actions/purpose should be over the next 5 years that would help influence/balance development along the Goose Creek corridor.. Blake would like to have a sub-committee work on a framework between now and July to develop more definitive purposes as well as a recruitment plan. The committee agreed we would like to have more riparian owners involved. What can the committee focus on that is different. Need to emphasis education, one way might be through an Emerald Ribbon's presentation.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Loudoun County Department of Parks Recreation and Community Services  
(Recording Secretary)