

The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the January 19, 2011 Meeting
Department of Parks Recreation and Community Services
Mickey Gordon Room
215 Depot Court, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Loudoun Members Present: Chairman Mark Peterson, Joan Rokus, Benjamin Lawrence, Phil Daley

Loudoun Members Absent: Vice Chairman John Isom (proxy), Lynn Gibson, Helen E. Casey (proxy), Stephen Combs-Lafleur,

Legislative Advisor: Kurt Erickson (absent)

County Staff Present: Pat Giglo, Planning Department; Jane McCarter, Planning Department, Dave Ward, Building and Development, William Marsh, Building and Development, Mark Novak, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Catoctin Creek scenic River Advisory Committee: Anne D. Larson

Fauquier Member Present: Butter Strother, Chairman, Hazel Edens

Guests: Dick Gibbons, Virginia State Scenic Rivers, Lynn Crump, Virginia DCR, Karl Mohle, NVRPA

Chairman's Business

Chairman Mark Peterson; called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

First order of business was to approve the November 17, 2010 minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Ben Lawrence and seconded by Phil Daley. The minutes were approved unanimously. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Purcellville Room Loudoun County Government Building, 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

Mark announced that Dick Gibbons and Lynn Crump were in attendance after meeting with the Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee in the morning. At the State Boards meeting in November the board approved the Catoctin as a committee. Dick and Lynn met with the new committee to kickoff their first meeting.

The next item of business, Chairman Peterson suggested a change to the meeting agenda to include the committee attending the Board of Supervisors meeting

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currently in session to learn more on the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance. Committee members were in agreement to adjourn the meeting early.

Next item of business, Chairman Peterson discussed an e-mail he received from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. The Commission is putting together a directory of groups that are involved with the Potomac watershed basin. Chairman Peterson asked the committee if they were interested and if so he would fill out the survey. The committee was in agreement Chairman Peterson will fill out the survey on behalf of the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee.

Next item of business, Chairman Peterson provided an update on the Luck Stone and Loudoun Water land use applications. All have been approved except for the Luck Stone application dealing with the tunnel replacing the bridge over the Goose Creek. Condition of approval had changes made in relation to the tunnel. It's anticipated the application will go to the Board of Supervisors in February.

Next item of business, Chairman Peterson provided an overview on the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance as to where the Board of Supervisors currently are with it, and what might be expected during their discussion in the afternoon. The County is not required to follow or adopt the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance. The EPA is going through a process that will require each state that falls into the Chesapeake Bay watershed to provide a Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). How the two might work together is a question the BOS will need to work out.

Brochure Update

Joan Rokus suggested that until funding is found to print the brochures, she will wait on contacting the local newspapers, Leesburg Today and Leesburg Times Mirror, to see if they would be interested in placing the brochure within the paper.

Committee Business

New member search, Chairman Peterson asked everyone to think about how to get interest from the public to fill vacant seats and bring their ideas back to the next committee meeting in March. Joan Rokus suggested that one reason it's hard to get new members is due to the time the committee meets. The committee meets in the middle of the work day which makes it hard for those who have day jobs.

Catoctin Creek Update:

Anne Larson was encouraged with the recent State Scenic River Boards meeting approving Catoctin Creek as the Catoctin Creek Scenic River Committee. Anne hope the new committee will have good advice for the BOS on the future of the

creek. Anne had some concerns that the new committee may not have the same expertise as the Goose Creek committee but, looks forward to becoming experienced as the Goose Creek committee. Anne had that County staff makes sure the Catoctin Creek Committee is included in the referral process.

Fauquier Member Present:

Butter Strother, Chairman expressed concerns with alternative onsite septic systems being considered in place of conventional systems. The Committee is concerned these will open up areas for development that otherwise could not be developed.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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of Parks Recreation and Community Services