

Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes for November 19, 2003

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Chairman Ralph Hambrick, Vice Chairman Sue Cecil, Catherine Harold, Lynn Newcomb, Greg Velzy and Jonathan Young.

Others:

Lynn Crump (DCR), Lyn Lanier and Daniel Moore (City of Richmond).

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the October meeting and unanimously voted in approval. Ralph Hambrick and Greg Velzy agreed to meet with freshman councilpersons, Pete Grimm and Ellen Robertson and advise them of the concerns addressed by the Falls of the James.

Lyn Lanier advised the Committee that he and other Pump House volunteers had met with City engineers regarding the upper arch and the City had agreed to implement a temporary fix.

Hambrick reported that the takeout land swap is again on City Council's radar screen though no decision has been made regarding the introduction of a paper to Council.

Lanier informed the Committee that the canal artifacts have yet to be removed from the canal. Lanier indicated that the artifacts would more than likely be moved subsequent the completion of the new bridge.

The Committee engaged in a discussion pertaining to the placement of James River signs around the City of Richmond. The Committee voted unanimously to pursue the adoption of a comprehensive strategy to construct directional and designation signs. Sue Cecil and Greg Velzy volunteered to initiate the research by identifying places of need.

Hambrick reported on the Statewide Scenic Rivers Board and the election of Dick Gibbons as chair and Patti Jackson as vice-chair. Further, Hambrick requested the Committee consider actions or items that could be brought before the statewide board.

Additional topics of discussion included the maintenance of James River Park trails, the 2007 festivities and the enlargement of the Committee. The Committee agreed to request of Joe Maroon the appointment of R. B. Young and Louise Burke as Emeritus

Committee Members. Further, Cecil requested of all Committee members the recommendation at the December meeting of two persons for appointment. Finally, Hambrick requested that each Committee member begin contemplating objectives for the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 1:30.