

GOOSE CREEK SCENIC RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the March 17, 2004 meeting, Mickie Gordon Conference Room Parks, Recreation and Community Services Building 215 Depot Court, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia

Members Present:

Chairman Helen Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus, Steven Combs-Lafleur, Kurt Erikson, Benjamin Lawrence, Fred McIntosh

Members Absent: Bill Hudspeth

County Staff Present: Marie Genovese, Planner, Planning Department
Van Armstrong, Planning
Mark Novak, Park Planner, PRCS
Janet Klein, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Chairman's Business

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and apologized for the confusion about the meeting room and announced that we have this room only until 2:30 p.m. Steven Combs-Lafleur moved that the minutes of January 13, 2004 be approved as written. Joan Rokus seconded and the motion passed. The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. here in the Mickie Gordon Conference Room.

Helen called the Committee's attention to several items in their packet:

- 1) Copy of a speech made by Helen Casey before the Planning Commission, Larry Beerman, Chairman. She thinks it went over well. After the meeting, Helen asked Julie Pastor what effect the changes to RSCOD would have on the Goose Creek scenic river overlay. The answer was that it won't affect Goose Creek. Helen stated that there is a big movement by some groups in the County to get approval to put ballfields and decks in floodplains. The new BOS will be looking at what the former BOS did in determining their position on the environment.
- 2) A letter of congratulations to Charles Luck.
- 3) A letter to the BOS introducing this Committee and informing them of this Committee's mission and commitment to preservation of Goose Creek and the surrounding environment.

She then reported the following:

- 1) She attended the County Business Roundtable on March 9 where she met Mark Peterson of Luck Stone whom she invited to this meeting. She stated that she was glad he could make it.
- 2) She went to Richmond on Friday and had a short meeting with the Director of DCR but was unable to speak with Lynn Crump at that time. Helen stated that she was glad Lynn could make it to this meeting.
- 3) The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will be holding a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Broad Run High School in Ashburn, VA. Helen asked the opinion of this Committee regarding whether it has a position on having public water and sewer in the transition zone – the area between Goose Creek and Rt. 659 just west of Beaverdam Reservoir. The Committee agreed that Helen should write a letter of comment. She will email her draft to this Committee within this next week and if she doesn't hear back from anyone, she'll send it out as written.
- 4) The Chairman has been invited to the new Scenic River Advisory Board's meeting in April to outline our work and accomplishments.

Lynn Crump spoke briefly about the reorganization of the Scenic River Advisory Board in Virginia and the formation of two Advisory Committees, including this Goose Creek Committee. The State board

will be meeting next month to set their agenda and discuss how they will manage themselves. They have elected Dick Gibbons as Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Janet Roberson as Vice Chair. One issue they may be focusing on is why there haven't been many rivers designated as scenic rivers in quite a while. They also will be checking to make sure that all rivers currently designated as scenic rivers still qualify based on pre-determined criteria. Lynn announced that the James River Water Trail has just been completed and there has been a request to do a similar trail along the Rappahannock River.

Terry Cooke with Cole, Raywid & Braverman – representing T-Mobile's application for Special Exception to install a monopole.

T-Mobile has applied to Loudoun County for a Special Exception to allow the installation of a monopole on property owned by the Walker family in Middleburg. This pole would be 800 feet from Goose Creek. The property is a 56-acre parcel on Aspen Hill Road on the west side of Middleburg ½ mile north of Route 50 – an area currently without cell phone service. T-Mobile does have carriers on the water towers on the east side of Middleburg. They did a balloon launch at the site to the height of the proposed pole, took a picture of it and then superimposed a picture of the pole onto the balloon. Terence had about six different pictures taken from different spots to show how the pole would look. The color of the pole will be chosen to blend in with the substantial hardwood forest around the site. The question was raised about whether any trees between the pole and the Creek would be removed. Van Armstrong said there would be no reason to remove any trees but that it is not something that we have any control over. The consensus of this Committee was that it has no problem with this proposed monopole.

Because the Committee was asked to conclude its business early due to a mix-up with the meeting room, Helen adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Guests Present: Susan Bour, Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA)
Terence Cooke, Cole, Raywid & Braverman
Hillorie Morrison, T-Mobile USA
Lynn Crump, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (DCR PRR)
Mark Peterson, Real Estate Manager, Luck Stone Corporation

Respectfully submitted,

Janet G. Klein