

Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes for September 20, 2007

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Sue Cecil, Leighton Powell, Brooks Smith, Jonathan Young, and John Zeugner.

Others:

J. R. Pope (Recreation and Parks)

The group convened with a discussion relative to safety in the parks and agreed that the summer was a success. Topics of said discussion included the Police Department's high visibility, reduction in arsons on Belle Isle, and the establishment of a new citizen bike patrol in James River Parks.

Attendees were briefly updated on the status of the City's Master Plan and a short discussion was initiated pertinent to acquisition of a new rafting vendor. Committee members communicated concern in regards to the absence of a vendor.

Additional topics of discussion included an update on conservation easements, the status of Echo Harbor, and a request for the nominating committee to bring forward names for recommendation for appointment.

Mr. J. R. Pope (Director of Recreation and Parks) shared with the Committee his department's efforts regarding the Pumphouse. Specifically, Pope's intent is to utilize the Pumphouse as the James River Visitor Center with the upper floor to be rented out for events. Pope also spoke to other topics including acquisition of a grant for Belle Isle and his intentions there.