

Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Meeting
Lovettsville Room
Loudoun County Government Center
1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia 20177

Members Present: Chairman Helen E. Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus, John Isom, Benjamin Lawrence, Mark Peterson, Phil Daley

Members Absent: Stephen Combs-Lafleur, Kurt Erickson, Lynn Gibson

County Staff Present: David Ward, Department of Building & Development; Meghan Boyce, Department of Planning; Marie Genovese, Department of Planning; Heidi Siebentritt, Department of Planning; Brian Fuller, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Guests: Anne D. Larson, Liaison, Catoctin Creek; John G. Lewis, Loudoun Historian; Butter Strother, Goose Creek Association (GCA); Hazle Edens, GCA; Nancy West, Loudoun Chairman, GCA; Jean Brown, Goose Creek Historic District; Brian Sears, Urban Engineering; David Herring, HTA; Chris Bourassa, Play to Win, LLC; Michael Romeo, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich, Walsh; Louise Mayr, Lucketts; Charlie Waddell, VA Senate (Ret.); Joe Keating, Waterford; JoEllen Keating, Waterford

Chairman's Business

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Vice Chairman Joan Rokus motions to approve the September meeting minutes. Ben Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed. The Next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lovettsville Room. The next order of business was introductions, followed by special guest speaker John Lewis.

Chairman Helen Casey introduced John Lewis, a Loudoun County historian. John was a former member of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission from 1970 to 1980. During that time, he documented between 600-1000 properties in Loudoun County and around northern Virginia. John discussed the historic settlements along the Goose and Catoctin Creeks, and mentioned the history documented in Bill Trout's "Goose Creek Scenic River Atlas." In the 1940s, the federal government proposed a dam on the Potomac River at Seneca Rocks, which "would have flooded all the way to the traffic light in Leesburg." However, John led an effort to stop that proposal, along with a separate City of Fairfax proposal to dam Goose Creek. His efforts led to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) Board recommending the Goose Creek designation as a state scenic river. Senator Charles Waddell carried the legislation forward, which was passed in 1976. The following year in 1977, the Catoctin Creek was given the same designation, and these two Loudoun creeks became the second and third designated scenic rivers in the state. Retired Senator Waddell and the members of the Committee applauded and thanked Mr. Lewis for his efforts. John also gave a promotion for his latest book, "Ladies, Liquor and Laughter" which may be purchased for \$15.

Committee Business

Chairman Helen Casey mentioned that there was a Board of Supervisors item for the removal of properties from the Goose Creek Historic District. Heidi Siebentritt mentioned that the removal of the properties would be a local rezoning issue, as the historic district is technically a zoning designation. The public hearing to discuss the process for removal is at the November 20 Business Meeting.

Chairman Helen Casey mentioned that the Committee won the Scenic Water Corridor Preservation Award from Scenic Virginia for its 30-year effort to protect and preserve Goose Creek in Loudoun County. The citation noted that the Committee has recently partnered with the Fauquier Goose Creek Scenic River Task Force to designate an additional 20 miles of scenic waterway.

Ben Lawrence gave a brief update on the status of the proposed Norfolk Southern railroad siding along the Goose Creek in Fauquier County. Ben mentioned that should the Fauquier Goose Creek Association request additional assistance, then the Loudoun Committee shall draft a resolution opposing the railroad siding.

Chairman Helen Casey opened a work session on the committee brochure. Ben Lawrence provided the following revisions:

- Change all references of “Board” to “Committee”
- Revise the portion of Website address from “GCSCRB” to “GCSRAC”
- Add new Website to front “mailing” cover under the return address
- Add revision and publishing date to include acknowledgement to the Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS)

Brian Fuller mentioned that PRCS will be coordinating with the original graphic artist to make the changes. Ben Lawrence requested 1000 copies of the brochure should be made. Chairman Helen Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus, and Ben Lawrence also discussed the possibilities of adding a logo or pictures to the “dead space” on the mailing side cover of the brochure. A flying goose, a single photograph, or a collage was recommended, and it should be approved by the committee prior to printing.

Chairman Helen Casey introduced the guest speaker Michael Romeo, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich, Walsh, representing Chris Bourassa and Play to Win, LLC. Michael presented the Committee with plans to build a 200,000 sq. ft. indoor recreation center and six (6) rectangular athletic fields on 40 acres in the PD-IP and A-3 zoning districts. The property is located between Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659) and Goose Creek, south of Route 7. Play to Win, LLC will be submitting a Special Exception (SPEX) application for active recreation and outdoor lighting, and a Zoning Modification (ZMOD) application for the setback along a minor arterial road in mid-December 2007. The Applicant is proposing to install pervious artificial turf fields to protect Goose Creek from runoff, and will provide a conservation and trail easement along Goose Creek. Chris Bourassa stated that his company already has preliminary agreements with Loudoun

Soccer, Loudoun Youth Football, and other sports and character-building camps to use the facility. Play to Win, LLC is anticipating opening for business by summer 2009. John Isom expressed his concern about stormwater runoff, and Ben Lawrence commended the Applicant on their proposal.

Being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian G. Fuller, PRCS