

The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the July 17, 2018, Meeting
NRPA HQ
Ashburn, Virginia 20175

Loudoun Members Present: Chairman Phil Daley, John Isom, Blake Netherwood, Mark Peterson, Dennis Kruse

Loudoun Members Absent: Jeff Millington

County Staff/Other Agencies Present: Mark Novak, PRCS (Recording Secretary), Karl Mohle (NoVa Parks)

Guests: Alton Echols (Loudoun Water)

Catoctin Committee Members: No Members present

Fauquier Committee Members: No Members present

Chairman's Business

Chairman Daley, officially called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lovettsville Room Loudoun County Government Building, 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

Chairman Daley asked to go around the room and have everyone present introduce themselves.

May 22, 2018 minutes will be provided to members before next meeting to be voted for approval.

First order of business was to discuss how to increase committee membership looking at land owners and citizens from Fauquier County as well as other organizations/entities such as Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (LWC), Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB), Gosse Creek Association (GCA), NoVa Parks, Loudoun County Parks Recreation and Community Services (LCPRCS), Loudoun water and Soil Conservation (LWSC) and others.

Letter to land owners, Chairman Daley will draft a letter for committee review before going out. Chairman Daley would also like to consider having meetings at different locations in hope of attracting more and diverse members.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Committee

Phil Daley

Blake Netherwood

John Isom
Roy Leggett

Jeff Millinton
Mark Peterson

Next area of discussion, 2040 Envision Loudoun Comprehensive Plan – Chairman Daley asked Dennis Kruse keep the committee up to date. Dennis suggested that the committee take time to review the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition website: loudouncoalition.org to review the committee review and recommendations.

Trails – Dennis briefed on the committee on the Emerald Ribbons concept. An open discussion and questions followed as input to the concept/plan and its potential impacts on Goose and Catoctin Creeks. The committee believed the plan/concept has a lot of merit-but some concern as to what type of trails would be approved-just foot paths? Bikes? Horses? Canoes, etc, and how these might impact the riparian buffers and Scenic Rivers. Further definition of the concept will be needed.

50th anniversary – Chairman Daley asked committee members to come up with some ideas for year-long celebration. The 50th anniversary of the State River program will be in 2020.

Other Updates:

Beaverdam Reservoir - Loudoun Water will be coordinating discussions with stakeholders on reservoir use this coming up this year. A tour of the reservoir will follow at the end of this meeting.

Phil Daley ask the committee for approval to participate/attend meeting of the Loudoun Preservation and Conservation Coalition. Phil will get information and bring back to the committee.

Potential Chairman for committee. Chairman Daley reminded the committee that he will be stepping down in the near future and there will be a need to fill the position of chair.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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