

The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Meeting
Loudoun Water
44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn, VA 20147

Members Present: Chairman Phil Daley, Vice Chair Blake Netherwood, John Isom, Jeff Millington, Mark Peterson

Members Absent: Dennis Kruse, Erin Smith

County Staff/Other Agencies Present: Jefferson Miller, PRCS (Recording Secretary), Erika Cuevas (Loudoun Water), Karl Mohle (NVRPA),

County Staff/Other Agencies Absent: Tracy Lind (PEC), Pat McIlvaine (LSWCD), Marie Genovese (Planning and Zoning)

Guests: None

Catoctin Committee Members: None

Chairman's Business:

Chairman Phil Daley, officially called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Second order was to review and approve amended minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve John Isom, Seconded Mark Peterson. Motion passed.

Third order of business to schedule next meeting for November 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison St SE, Leesburg, VA 20175 – Purcellville Room

Discussion items:

- Virginia Scenic Rivers 50th Anniversary Celebration:
 - Funding Ideas
 - Partner with businesses/organizations that sponsor events on the W&OD Trail
 - Subcommittee meeting needed to discuss funding
 - Positive response after reaching out to various stakeholders via formal letter from GCSRAC
 - Approach various businesses to discuss how they can get involved in honoring the scenic rivers
 - Wineries and breweries

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- How is the PEC getting involved in the celebration? Possible discussion topic for next meeting
- Possible locations for celebration locations:
 - Meadowkirk – Erin to follow-up
 - River Creek – Phil/ Jack McNamee to follow-up
 - Westlock Farm – Phil/Dennis to follow-up
 - Banshee Reeks – Phil to follow-up with Ron Circe
 - Goose Creek Bridge Park-Lemmon’s Bottom-NVRPA
 - Permit needed ?
 - Other Facilities?
- Coordination is need with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Celebrate 20th Anniversary of Goose Creek Association - asking GCSRAC for support
 - Date of celebration - September 20, 2020
 - Location - Aldie Mill
 - GCSRAC is generally supportive; need to determine meeting date/time to discuss
 - Phil to attend next association meeting – 10/16; discussion topic for next meeting
- Possible river cleanups
 - Keep Loudoun Beautiful annual activity on the Goose in April 2020
 - Potential support for Potomac River cleanup with KLB in August 2020
- Presentations / Future Meetings
 - Committee would like PROS Board member to attend a meeting to provide information regarding current PROS Board projects and how they could impact scenic rivers; is there a role for the advisory committee?
 - Is the PROS Board aware of the potential to be a part of the Water and River Corridor Trails information panel discussion at the River Management Society Symposium – May 12-15; Phil to follow-up with Mark Novak
 - Committee would like PRCS to provide information regarding the status of the Goose Creek CIP project
- BOS proclamation supporting Scenic Rivers – Phil to follow-up with Bruce Johnson (CCSRAC)
- GCSRAC leadership/organization committee discussion is deferred to next meeting (Subcommittee members - Jeff, John, Blake, Dennis, and Tracy)

Referrals Updates/Comments:

- Creighton Hills development application: no review request sent to GCSRAC
 - Phil to follow-up with Loudoun County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

Other Items:

- Goose Creek Dam
 - Future use discussion: John Isom brought up the idea of removing the dam or, as a minimum, providing a fish ladder to allow anadromous fishes to pass up stream for spawning. Discussion followed indicated Loudoun Water still requires the Goose Creek Reservoir as a water source and will until the plans to store water in the Luck Stone quarry comes to fruition: Loudoun Water has already installed baffles across the reservoir to prevent boaters from getting too close to the dam's spillway. The committee agreed to continue to explore the possibility of future dam removal should the need for the reservoir as a water storage facility change.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

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