

The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the December 14, 2021, Meeting
201 Loudoun St. SE Suite 100
Leesburg, VA 20175

Members Present: Chairman Ben Winn, Vice Chair Erin Smith, John Isom, Phil Daley, Blake Netherwood, John Cox, Mark Peterson

Members Absent: Jeff Millington

County Staff/Other Agencies Present: Jefferson Miller, PRCS (Recording Secretary), Marie Genovese (Planning and Zoning), Erika Cuevas (Loudoun Water), Pat McIlvaine (LSWCD)

County Staff/Other Agencies Absent: Dustin Betthausen (NoVa Parks)

Guests: None

Chairman's Business:

First order of business, Chairman Ben Winn officially called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

January meeting minutes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Next meeting February 8, 2022, at 12:00pm. Location to be determined

Discussion items:

- Past Meeting Minutes
 - John Isom moved to approve the meeting minutes, Blake Netherwood second
- General Discussion
 - GCSRAC need to contact DCR; Lynn Crump to retire, Michael Fletcher is the point of contact; Potential to send a GCSRAC letter to Lynn Crump
- Future Meetings - 2022
 - Second Tuesday every other month; meetings beginning in February; Start time 12:00PM
 - Motion to approve 2022 meeting schedule/time, by Blake N., seconded by Erin S.

Chairman
Ben Winn

Vice Chairman
Erin Smith

Committee

John Isom Jeff Millington
Mark Peterson Phil Daley
Blake Netherwood John Cox

- Future Meeting Dates
 - February 8, 2022
 - April 12, 2022
 - June 14, 2022
 - August 9, 2022
 - October 11, 2022
 - December 13, 2022
- Potential Future Meeting Locations
 - John Cox offered his home/property for an outdoor meeting
 - Good Stone Inn
 - Jack M. recommends Confluence Park (River Creek)
 - Loudoun Water
 - Loudoun County Government Center
- Goose Creek Signage
 - Worksheet discussion for signage at all the Goose Creek crossings, whether signage is present, and what type of sign exists.
 - Action plan discussion
 - Historical references should be included
 - Identify future bridge plans that would cross Goose Creek; provide information to project manager/owner about needed signage
 - VDOT roadway ownership: requesting party responsible for cost of signage along Interstate, primary, or secondary roadways. Cost of the sign, installation cost, maintenance costs
 - DCR and DEQ need to be involved; who takes ultimate responsibility for signage? How can Loudoun County be involved in funding signage?
 - Goose Creek Association, Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) (Gem Bingol)
 - Motion to engage PEC and GCA regarding the cost and process of scenic river signage (John Isom motion, John Cox second; passed, no opposition) Ben Winn to contact PEC and Erin Smith to contact GCA representing GCSRAC; Both will report back to committee during the next meeting
- Water Quality
 - The Goose Creek Association has a new testing initiative underway. (POC Norm Myers) It is called the Goose Creek Watch monitoring program, with the assistance of Shenandoah University.

- Information provided by Pat M. and Phil D. about what impairment means and how this is determined and what could be done to improve the quality
- Jack McNamee is working with LCPS and Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (Amy Ulland) to setup up to three (3) monitoring locations near the River Creek section of Goose Creek
- How can the committee reach out to property owners (farming operations) to engage in discussions about Goose Creek water quality; how to connect with other stakeholders to discuss water quality and impairment
- Ben W. to draft article for publishing regarding water quality; To be shared with the committee by next meeting for editorial revisions
- Ben W. to contact Norm Myers about future meeting presentation
- Discussion regarding Creighton Farms developer and other potential access locations
- Past Red Gate Farm (Address unknown at this time) referral discussion
- Access to Goose Creek Scenic River
 - Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has been given the authority by the State to seek property locations to increase access locations (Phil D. provided information)
- Outreach
 - Host a meeting for public inclusiveness, social meeting with other stakeholders and organizations
 - Erin S. to spearhead meeting planning
- Referrals
 - No current referrals
 - Future training could be provided by Ben W. for LOLA
- Elections
 - Motion for current Chairman and Vice Chairman to continue with current roles for 2022; Motion by Blake N, Seconded by John Isom
- Bylaws and Membership
 - Needs to be reviewed by committee
- Funding
 - Contact other organizations on how best to work with funding organizations, similar to Goose Creek Association

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Jefferson Miller
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(Recording Secretary)