



FCRP QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Thursday | November 15th, 2018 | 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
12000 Government Center Parkway | Conference Room 7

Meeting Notes:

Attending: Jim McGlone, Tom Tasselli, Terry Yates, Suzanne Foster, Karen Fuentes, Norbert Pink, Philip Latasa, Amy Gould, David Humphrey, Bruce McGranahan, Kris Unger

1. VDOT Report - Review and status of issues relating to transportation projects

Terry Yates & Tom Tasselli discussed the eminent domain process that is happening at Dunn Loring Woods with the widening of Route 66. They explained this process usually takes about 6 months to complete.

Route 7 at Colvin Mill: Terry reported that with community input they had submitted a plan to the Army Corps of Engineers that included a meandering stream design but the Army Corps came back with a directed channel design. Terry believes that is the final decision but will let us know if there is any room for input on this and will provide feedback to Matt Meyers during their regular updates.

Amy will follow up with Terry on the preservation of forested areas that are going to be used for “temporary easements”. If there are Stormwater Ponds FCRP would like to see those upgraded, which is a grading and planting change.

Talks are underway for the 495 ExpressLanes Extension. This is preliminary and there is no money budgeted for it yet.

We asked VDOT if there was a possibility of them building in access points to bridges near streams so that trash traps might be installed and accessed. Terry thought it was an interesting idea and that he would bring it up for a potential trial run to see how it worked, then perhaps once everyone understood the benefit it might be implemented in time.

Tom Tasselli said the trees from the second planting project have done very well over the summer and that project is winding. There have been no repeat mowing incidents to report. We will convene again next April for our annual walk-thru.

2. Inova | Exxon Site:

Bruce McGranahan summarized the history of this project and indicated the rainfall well over average this year has definitely contributed to extra work for a staff already committed to at least 50 projects each. And this is also why the area hasn't been stabilized yet. Sod will be going in there shortly which will solve the issue.

There was acknowledgement that the contractor did not check the area frequently enough and they will have much more oversight and follow up now. There is an SWPPP kept on site for anyone wanting to see the history of how the stormwater has been addressed which is supposed to contain daily updates. David Humphrey explained the process from his perspective and is working with the contractor to improve the site. They do not believe any sediment made it into Holmes Run.

There was a discussion that the e&s controls used in any project have not evolved much and what is used was never designed to capture everything. There was mention of a VAPEO group meeting where a new e&s product was presented and we will pass on this information to both Land Use and Stormwater Planning as it might provide another tool to protect water quality. If there is interest it might be worthy of an industry update that this product is available.

There was a discussion about the Mission Statement of the Land Use Division and concerns that the term "facilitate" is extremely accommodating. While we recognize the need for economic development our natural resources are also something that need consideration in Land Use decisions since those are limited. Developers will develop here because of our location, that won't change, and while we certainly welcome their commitment we still need to balance that with sustainable approaches. The term "facilitate" has a specific meaning in terms of real estate. A change to "ensure" would be a fairer overall strategy.

Suzy Foster acknowledged the efforts of Kris and FACC doing this great on the ground reporting, there could be an opportunity to bring a program like the Watershed Stewards Academy to Fairfax County, to give formal training, and validate Fairfax County residents' stewardship of our public lands and waters. Anne Arundel County has had a "Watershed Stewards Academy" to train Citizen Leaders to assist in improving water quality. <http://aawsa.org/>

Update on 4104 Woodlark:

The Chesapeake Bay Review Committee deferred decision on this case and will be presented with an updated plan in December. The applicant was facing a unanimous no vote which motivated them to request the deferment.

Trash topics:

We had a discussion of ways the county could improve trash and litter control. We asked if Land Use could require contractors to keep dumpsters at least 50 feet away from stormwater drains. They thought that might be something they could accomplish. Discussions on how we can encourage enforcement of the trash ordinance. We will reach out to our State partners to see how we can develop some of these ideas from that side.

Updates on partner activities:

-Karen Fuentes will help FCRP do a survey of our membership and partners to see issues that concern them or that they would like us to focus on. We might ask for volunteers to sit on their district's citizen land use committees to help us keep up with these issues before they happen to allow for better transparency.

-Noel Kaplan was unable to attend but asked that we circulate the EQAC flyer announcing the Public Hearing.

-There was a brief discussion on the benefits of licensing tree cutters both from protecting consumers and senior citizens in particular, as well as for the preservation of trees. But this is an issue that has to be done from the state.

-We discussed the Raintree outreach on the tree cutting under the Dominion transmission lines.