

Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council
Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2019
Rivercrest Community Center

Attendees: Rogard Ross-Chair, Lauren Ragsac-Secretary

- Council Members: Heather Barlow, Vikki Barnette, Alden Cleanthes, Bob Fountain, Becky Greenwald, Sandy Madison, Mike Perry, Carol Praissman, David Sackett, Adrienne Sawyer and Amy Weber
- Parks, Recreation & Tourism Staff (PRT): Ana Elezovic, Josh Fisher and Megan Hale
- Guests: Roger Fuller, Tabitha Short and Bruce Weckworth

I. Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman opened the meeting at 1:10 pm. Rogard welcomed members and asked the guest to introduce himself. Bruce Weckworth, who is with HRSD, said he was attending the meeting to see if the work of the council was something he would like to be part of.

- Approval of Minutes: Rogard asked for approval of the September and October meeting minutes with the following changes:
 1. September Minutes - Change Levin Turner from applying to the Chesapeake School Board to appointment to the Chesapeake School Facilities Steering Committee.
 2. October Minutes - Change the January meeting date from 27 January to 22 January.

Heather Barlow made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated changes and Megan Hale seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

II. Environmental Tip

Bob Fountain encouraged everyone to visit the Arboretum as the multitude of Camellia bushes on the grounds are in full bloom now.

III. Updates

- Conservation Conference Committee - Rogard advised good progress is being made in planning for the conference. The committee will have a

meeting on December 11, 2019 at 2pm at the PRT office. The panelist for the conference have been selected and Rogard will send out the list to members in the near future. CEIC members who volunteer to work the Conference/Awards Luncheon will be entitled to a free lunch.

- License Plate Committee - Mike Perry related the beautification of Georgetown Blvd will be undertaken by the Georgetown Civic League in conjunction with Public Works and the PRT. The License Plate Committee members are Becky Greenwald, Mike Perry, Amy Weber, Rob Beaton and Jason Brown. It was recommended that Jason Brown be the Chairman for this committee.
- Tree Board - Bob Fountain provided the following names as members of the Tree Board: Adrienne Sawyer, Carol Praissman, Jason Brown, Mike Perry, Eric Martin, Mike A. and Ana Elezovic. Bob said a meeting is planned for January 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the PRT office. Bob will coordinate with Megan regarding an invitation to the Mayor and City Manager to attend the meeting.
- Scholarship - Dave Sackett related Sandy Madison let him know our request for scholarship funding is presently with the city lawyer. Sandy said most of the scholarships awarded in the past used fundraising monies vice city funds. Megan advised the council has \$200.00, from the sale of the calendars, that could be used for this purpose.
- Conservation Committee - Becky addressed the current status of the landscape project at the Indian River Library. Myke Irving has been contacted about making a sculpted piece for this project.

IV Volunteer Opportunities -

- The Battle of Great Bridge, 12/7 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
12/8 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dave Sackett volunteered for 10:00 am - noon on 12/7
- Flower & Garden Expo 1/24 & 1/25 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
1/26 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Vikki Barnette volunteered for 10:00 am - noon on 1/24

- Awards Luncheon/Conservation Conference 3/6 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Great American Cleanup 3/27 and 3/28 - details TBD
- Earth Day 2020 - 50th Anniversary 4/22 - details TBD

V New Business - Rogard suggested that we discuss the recycling program at the January meeting. There were several thoughts expressed, but we didn't agree on anything. The recommendation was made that we ask Kathy Russell of TFC Recycling for input on the subject.

VI Filming Environmental Tips - Members were filmed giving an environmental tip for each month of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm. The next meeting of the CEIC will take place on January 22, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Vikki Barnette
for Lauren Ragsac, Secretary