

Middle James Roundtable
Steering Committee Meeting

July 17, 2018

10:00am- 2:00pm

Host: Chris Gyurisin, Department of Water Resources. City of Lynchburg

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Members Present: Chris Gyurisin, Sharon Conner, Olivia Hall, Lorne Field, Betty McCracken, Amy Hagerdon, Cynthia Scheuermann
- II. Fiscal Update
 - a. \$2,780.86 in expenses
 - b. Soil test vouchers: 18 in March, 63 in April, and 53 in May
 - c. Some charges were for mailing vouchers to JRA
 - d. 16 Paint out Pollution stencils-Lynchburg
 - i. \$1,009.47 paid by MJRT and \$800 paid by Lynchburg
 - ii. Pictures on the website
 - iii. Charge per stencil is \$50
 - iv. Art of Wheels creates the stencils
 - e. Lorne- under \$1,000 for sign budget
- III. 2018 Grant Review
 - a. 2nd quarterly report just submitted
 - b. ARGS rain garden line item
 - i. CBF no longer using funding (\$1,500)
 - c. Thoughts on what additional funding could be used for:
 - i. Olivia brought up Lindy might be interested in a Pet Waste Station at Skipwith Elementary School
 - ii. Betty- native plant sign at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College
 - iii. Another round of Paint out Pollution
 - iv. Lorne- room fees for annual meeting?
 - v. Homework for members who made suggestions on spending this money
- IV. Annual Meeting Planning
 - a. Farm Bureau location- date not available
 - b. Date of meeting: October 24, 2018
 - c. Potential space in Goochland County at Central High School
 - i. Free to a \$50 nominal charge to use the space
 - d. Discussion on Central High School versus Deep Run Rec Center
 - i. Question was posed that it is not far enough from RVA
 - ii. Luck Facility could hold 60-65 people

- iii. Central H.S. could hold 75 people
 - iv. Decision was made to bring to a vote and Betty will find out if Central H.S. is available
 - v. Second choice is Luck facility
 - e. Lorne motions to vote, Olivia seconds
 - i. Unanimous vote for Central H.S.
 - f. Notes on event:
 - i. Everyone to bring coffee makers
 - ii. Provide bottled water, but encourage everyone to bring their own water bottle
 - iii. Bake cookies
 - g. Format of Meeting
 - i. 2 periods of speakers with 15 minute break in between
 - h. Brainstorm on speakers
 - i. Ann Jennings- Bay Restoration, WIP III
 - 1. Key note, first speaker
 - 2. Betty will contact
 - ii. Septic system video- 10 minutes
 - 1. Backup speaker- ask Mark to speak if we don't have enough speakers
 - iii. JRA water quality app
 - 1. Ask Amber to contact
 - iv. CBF
 - 1. MWEE, education programs, grasses for the masses, challenge for MWEEs
 - 2. Sharon will contact
 - v. Paint out Pollution
 - 1. Lorne will contact, on hold until Betty checks feasibility of site
 - 2. 15 minute demo outside
 - vi. Oyster Recycling
 - 1. Todd Jenesky – VCU/Science Museum
 - 2. Wood Hudson- oyster restoration at his property
 - 3. Olivia will contact
 - vii. Green Infrastructure Center- tree canopy
 - 1. Chris will contact
 - viii. Walkable watershed
 - 1. Chris will contact
 - i. Food
 - i. Sponsorships for food- letter
 - ii. Betty will get in touch with ChikNEGG about tasting after event
 - j. Report back by August 7th on speakers
 - k. Everyone responsible for brainstorming ideas for a title
- V. Future SC Meeting
 - a. Last quarterly after annual meeting
 - b. November
 - c. Location- Henrico at the Varina Library

- VI. Future EC Meetings
 - a. Lorne has offered to use his conference line number
- VII. Round Robin
 - a. Lorne
 - i. Stepping back from outreach products to rebrand
 - ii. Cldal communications
 - iii. Several months of interviews with staff
 - iv. Future presentation at annual meeting to discuss rebranding, with a panel of people that have gone through the process
 - b. Olivia
 - i. Updated MJRT website
 - ii. Repost JRA posts about the river
 - iii. Roanoke Stormwater Facebook is a resource for posts
 - iv. Stream restoration potential near Evergreen Cemetery along Henrico-Richmond border
 - c. Amy
 - i. Working with congregations to install stormwater BMPs
 - ii. Took over Liz's CMC responsibilities in VA, while Liz is out
 - d. Chris
 - i. Working with schools
 - ii. Collaborating with Parks and Rec and Public Works this fall because of interest in stream cleanups
 - iii. Watershed tour at Pedlar Reservoir and Lynchburg streams
 - iv. Creation care in Lynchburg
 - 1. Potential connection with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
 - e. Cynthia
 - i. Relocated to TNC office
 - ii. Working on tree tags to distribute to Tree Stewards and fall DOF projects
 - 1. VCU/Carter Neighborhood
 - 2. Evergreen Cemetery
 - f. Sharon
 - i. Trying to make MWEE more meaningful
 - 1. Coming up with additional activities
 - 2. Looking to go back to State Fair site
 - ii. 319 grant- developed small equine composting systems
 - g. Betty
 - i. Presenting at SENACD; project WET training
 - ii. Backlog of stream exclusion applicants
 - iii. Team leader at Maidens landing for JRAC cleanup
- VIII. Chris- show and tell
 - a. Paint out Pollution stencils around Department of Water Resources building