

Middle James Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting

MINUTES

APRIL 10 2018

10AM-2PM

JRPS REEDY CREEK HEADQUARTERS

MEETING CALLED BY	Betty McCracken, Chairperson
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Liz Chudoba
ATTENDEES	Olivia Hall (Henrico), Betty McCracken (Monacan SWCD), Amber Ellis (JRA), Mark Williams (Luckstone), Kathleen Ogilvy (DOF), Cynthia Scheuermann (DOF), Lorne Field (Chesterfield), Tyler Twyford (JRPS), Liz Chudoba (ACB), Blair Blanchette (CBF), Chris Gyurisin (Lynchburg City)

Agenda topics

FISCAL UPDATE

LORNE

DISCUSSION	Grant expenses this quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constant contact Various expenses to VT Tech for soil vouchers 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS		

GRANT 2018 REVIEW

BETTY MCCRACKEN

DISCUSSION	Grant Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constant contact Website – everyone can give feedback on the content and events posted on the website. Soil test voucher Installation of rain garden – in Appomattox Governor’s School, Blair met with the teacher who is on board but the principal is not on board yet. Will work on this more over the summer to try to make this happen. Need to make a decision on if the project will be done by the end of the summer. Inlet stenciling (Chris) – working with JRA and paint out pollution, have 20-25 inlets to be painted. Working with paint out pollution now to see if those sites are good for coverable. This is the first phase that will go around community and rec centers to start, the second phase will contain more mural type storm drain painting. Septic Tank Pumpout video – Olivia has completed it, Betty will review it and release it on the website. Continue to use the coasters and James River coloring sheets. Lorne has the original copy of the coloring sheets, could update and distribute. Amber also has some invasive species coloring pages. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Determine if the rain garden will be installed	Blair Blanchette	End of summer

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BETTY MCCRACKEN

DISCUSSION	Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone can give feedback on the content and events posted on the website. Sign Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County – changing the location of the sign from Spring Run Elementary school, have several rain gardens in place elsewhere so will replace the sign at Bon Air Elementary school.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACB – Meredith sill working with the teachers at Lucille Brown, meeting with them next week to figure out logistics for the signs (4 total signs) ACB – MLK signs (1 sign) <p>Pet Waste Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindy – no update Lorne – need to revamp the James River pet waste coalition, just a facebook page and needs some additional content. Olivia will join the facebook page as an admin. There are now programs that swab dogs mouths to identify poop that is left unpicked up. There is another system in Canada and England that has receptacles that convert the dog poop to electricity for City lights. Maybe at one of the City dog parks, Capital trail, or in James River Park System. <p>Annual Meeting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Sarg - has the space available but doesn't have breakout sessions and the room may be loud because it only has a half wall. Not an option. Luckstone – has a room available that would hold 50-70 people, which is a bit small. Farm Bureau – has a meeting space that may work, Betty will look into it. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look into Farm Bureau as a location for annual meeting	Betty	
Think about topics and speakers	Everyone	

BACK TO BAY FESTIVAL

BETTY MCCRACKEN

DISCUSSION	<p>Confirmed to have a booth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egg carton turtle project – everyone start collecting egg cartons for the project. Look into alternative to egg cartons for the turtle shell – k cups, yogurt cartons, small plastic to go containers. Need safety scissors and some type of information/environmental message. Connect to Meredith's mystery box. Could also do a bottle cap mural – Forestry was going to do it at their educational center but they are not doing it now so we could do it. Corn hole with pet waste bags – Chris or Lindy 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FUTURE MEETINGS

DISCUSSION	<p>Steering Committee: July and November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July Meeting will be in Lynchburg- Betty will send out doodle poll for dates <p>Executive Committee:</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out doodle poll with dates for July Steering Committee meeting	Betty	4/30/18

ROUND ROBIN

DISCUSSION	<p>Chris – Next weekend will be working with parks and rec and public works groups to have a clean your block party. Will clean up streets and inlets around rec centers and then have an activity in the afternoon at the rec center. Continuing that concept throughout the year with rain barrel workshops. Inlet stenciling and trying it to connect it with education and outreach in the urban areas where they need more targeted efforts.</p> <p>Liz – VIP ticketed event for Festival of the River.</p> <p>Tyler – Community center coming out, biking event, and clean up. Have been encouraging parks and rec staff to get out and help with clean ups. Working with beyond boundaries and also Albert Hill as part of an outreach project to put on a March for the James. Kids will make signs and walk down to Carytown to raise awareness. Looking to hire a seasonal environmental educator.</p> <p>Olivia – Enrichmond is doing a stream restoration project at Evergreen Cemetary, Henrico owns a property just north of that project and that they might be able to do a stream restoration project on as well in conjunction with Enrichmonds project.</p> <p>Mark – works with Friends of Goochland park, they are having an event on Sunday April 22nd for an earth day event. They will have arts and crafts activities, a butterfly garden, the boy scouts will be doing a project, LLBean wants to lead a game called yogaball. Also, thinking of getting a wine and beer trail through Goochland.</p> <p>Amber – Staff change, Adrienne is leaving JRA to be the Virginia Director of Chesapeake Bay Commission. Will be hiring for that position, but don't have the announcement posted yet. Having monitoring trainings coming up for summer monitoring. James River Ventures opened up for the season in Lynchburg, also working on some summer camp ideas. James River expedition's deadline has been extended, so if anyone knows of high school teachers interested send them to the website. Put in a new campground in Charles City along the Capital Trail.</p> <p>Cynthia/Kathleen – Urban and community trees for clean water grant they have reviewed the applications. Earth Arbor day will have a few events in Richmond. Emerald Ash Borrer cost-share program, for a subset of ash trees that have meaningful or historical value. Someone will come and evaluate the tree and the cost-share covers part of the treatment costs for the tree. Forestry camp application period is still open. RMN chapter just graduated so keep an eye out for volunteers.</p> <p>Lorne – Rain barrel workshops are open for registration, have 4 workshops on May 12th and June 23rd. Registration is through Eventbrite. Will also be teaching a rain barrel workshop at St. James Episcopal Church. About to start a big stream restoration on Pocoshock Creek this summer, as part of the TMDL implementation. Having a hard time recruiting interns for their summer intern position, pass along anyone who may be interested. Chesterfield is going through a branding process right now to get all their outreach and educational material to have a common look. Chesterfield is also going through a website redesign. World fish migration day will do more storm drain stenciling. Clean the Bay day on June 2nd, Chesterfield has two sites and registration is open.</p> <p>Betty – Fencing cattle out of the streams. Getting ready to pay a JRA NFWF grant stream exclusion project and have one project to go. Betty got a tour of Westview on the James and ended up being a presenter at the Virginia Education Adventure Conference this year. A lot of people were at the conference but there was a lack of environmental education. May go back and do a project WET training. Powhatan Earth Day on April 19th from 4-7pm, Jonathan the Juggler will be there.</p> <p>*Westview on the James could be a potential site for the annual meeting*</p>		
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Meeting Adjourned!