

submitted by Mary Picardi

location: First Landing Fire Station

attendees: Wendy Vaughn, Karen Forget, Bill Fleming, Brent James, Mary Picardi

Review of Aug. 18 minutes

Old Business

Bay cleanup update: Regions are developing their Phase II plans. HRPDC is moving along, but some regions are problematic. Deadline for states' plans is Dec. 15.

Federal funding for Interior/EPA stalled during the deficit talks and will now likely be an omnibus bill. It may contain amendments, like Goodlatte's, to prevent federal funding of Bay restoration. We will stay alert to this and pass on information as this develops.

Uranium mining: A bill to lift the ban will be presented during the 2012 legislative session in Jan. If it makes it out of Senate Ag, it will be hard to stop. If you are interested, join Keep the Ban meetings (see below) and/or explore their website.

City Council: The at-large seat election will be on Nov. 8. Four candidates are vying for the empty seat.

Candidate forum plans: Karen, Wendy, Don Luzzatto, our panelists, will have a conference call in the near future to discuss the questions for the candidates. The candidates will be informed of the issues so that they may prepare: uranium mining, coal plant, TMDL funding, land conservation, nutrient controls, stormwater, transportation, offshore drilling, promotion of energy efficiency/conservation. Karen will collect bios from the candidates who have not yet submitted them and send the program for printing. Bill will obtain voter registration materials to have on hand at the forum, as well as a sample ballot and election information.

Fall Festival plans: We will have educational materials on the issues of the coal plant, uranium mining, offshore energy, etc. at our table. Tanner has offered to supply a tent. Bill will bring voter registration materials to this event as well as to the forum. For the kids' passport question, we will ask "what can you do to improve the environment?" And we may have a cornhole competition with bags labeled "coal" and "uranium", to "keep it in the ground".

Announcements

Sept. 28 - film at the Naro, "The Last Mt.", concerning mt. top removal. See the Appalachian Voices website or Naro.

Sept. 29 - meeting at Frank Wagner's office concerning uranium mining, 9 a.m.
(Call me 650-3646 or Kathy Early 270-6342 if you want to attend.)

Oct. 5 - Candidate Forum at Cape Henry Collegiate 7 - 9 p.m. Spread the flyers.

Oct. 13 - Keep the Ban meeting at Lynnhaven congregational church, 2217 W. Greatneck Rd., V.B. at 3 p.m.

Nov. 5 - LRNow Fall Festival at VB Middle School from 11 - 5p.m.

Next Meeting - Oct. 20, time to be determined