

Minutes for April 23, 2009 LRNOW Public Policy Committee (PPC)
submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Location: First Landing Fire Station

Meeting Start: Called to order at 6:20 pm by Mary Picardi.

Attendees: (3) members – Mary Picardi, Karen Forget, Todd Solomon & Eileen Levandoski (Sierra Club)

Previous Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2009 minutes were read and accepted without change.

Next meeting date and location discussion: **Thursday May 28, 2009, 6:30pm** at the First Landing Fire Station. 2101 Parks Avenue, Suite 700, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Contact Assignments –

- Todd met with Louis Jones and Del Joe Bouchard. Both meetings were helpful. Both contacts knew about LRNOW and supported the cause.
- Karen met with Glenn Nye's Legislative Assistant and took her a packet of information about LRNow

Webpage Update – Mission of the PPC is To inform and educate the Lynnhaven watershed community on public policies supported by LRNOW. The goals of the PPC are To establish a liaison with respective elected officials and to introduce them to LRNOW. **ACTION: Karen will update the webpage with this information and PPC members will review and comment.**

General Updates presented by Karen Forget:

VB Green Ribbon Committee (VBGRC) - Karen passed out material from the VBGRC implementation committee. June 9th is the next meeting of the VBGRC implementation committee. PPC should be aware of any items that come from this meeting that need our support.

Legislative Changes – Karen passed out the most recent change to the CBPA ordinance that was going before City Council for a vote on April 28th. Karen also passed out the proposed bill that would prohibit plastic bags being used in VA stores.

USACE Briefing to City Council – On May 5th, the Army Corps of Engineers will brief City Council at their informal session on the planned USACE Lynnhaven River restoration project.

VB Sustainability Advisory Team (VBSAT) – The consultants will be visiting VB on May 13 & 14. Resident will probably have a chance to attend a couple hour meeting on one of these days. Karen will update the PPC as more information is obtained.

LRNOW Symposium – Karen handed out the tentative agenda. **ACTION: PPC members should contact their individuals and invite/remind them to attend.**

New Storm Water Regulation – There is a planned change to the State storm water regulation that may need the PPC support. **ACTION: Karen will provide the PPC members with background information on this new regulation. PPC members may have to contact their state delegate to bring the change to their attention.**

Fall Forum Discussion

What: The Virginia Beach Environmental Forum

Who: Del. Bob Purkey and Peter Schmidt; Del. Joe Bouchard and Chris Stolle; Del. Bob Mathieson and Ron Villanueva **ACTION: Mary was going to contact all the Delegates and confirm their commitment to one of the dates below.**

Where: Cape Henry Colligate

When: 7-9pm on one of the following days. Sept. 22, 23, 24; Sept. 29, 30, Oct 1; Oct 6, 7, 8 **ACTION: Mary was going to confirm the auditorium availability based on the date chosen after contacting the delegates.**

Moderator – Kathy Lewis or Joel Rubin. **ACTION: Karen was going to contact Kathy Lewis to see if she would be a moderator.**

Panelists – (3 total) – LRNOW, Virginia Wesleyan College and Virginian Pilot (Scott Harper or Editorial person) Sierra Club will not be a panelist since they will be advocating and taking positions on specific candidates. They will use their email list to promote the forum. **ACTION: Karen was going to contact the Pilot and was going to have Andrew Fine contact Wesleyan.**

Format – Each delegate will have a 2-3 minute opening speech. Each panelist will ask 3 or 4 questions which will be answered by all the candidates. No closing speeches. Meet and greet to follow the forum. LRNOW will solicit questions via email and chose based on the majority responses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Resulting Action List:

- 1) Karen will update the webpage with this information and PPC members will review and comment.
- 2) PPC members should contact their individuals and invite/remind them to attend.
- 3) Karen will provide the PPC members with background information on this new regulation. PPC members may have to contact their state delegate to bring the change to their attention.
- 4) Mary was going to contact all the Delegates and confirm their commitment to one of the dates below.
- 5) Mary was going to confirm the auditorium availability based on the date chosen after contacting the delegates.
- 6) Karen was going to contact Kathy Lewis to see if she would be a moderator.
- 7) Karen was going to contact the Pilot and was going to have Andrew Fine contact Wesleyan.