

Minutes for August 26, 2010 LRNOW Public Policy Committee (PPC)
submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Location: First Landing Fire Station

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:09pm by Mary Picardi.

Attendees: (6) attendees – Mary Picardi, Todd Solomon, Grace Moran, Bill Fleming, Karen Forget, Brent James

July 22, 2010 minutes read and approved without change

Status of Chesapeake Clean Water Act (CCWA) – Mary provided an update. The Senate bill is good, however the House version is not. Call Senators to tell them not to accept any of the House bill wordings. The House version is more lenient toward farmers and developers. AG all over U.S. are upset with bill. Mary also shared a couple CCWA press releases. LRNOW endorsed a press release asking for implementation plan for VA.

Upcoming meeting with Jeff McWaters – Brent will be meeting with Jeff for an hour in September. What should be discussed? Send questions to Brent. CBF will be providing some questions. VCN briefing book may be helpful. Karen suggested Uranium mining and Cypress Creek as key issues. Transportation is also a major player in water pollution. Another topic of discussion could be the watershed implementation plan.

City of VB Clean Water Task Force meeting – Next meeting will be Sept 9th.

Candidate Forum Update – Richard Serpe will be panelist for LRNOW. Todd Solomon will be panelist for SDCC. Cindy Hatcher from the Pilot's editorial page was suggested. Sounded ok to PPC members, so Karen will confirm. Kyra Solomon will be time keeper. Joel Rubin will be moderator. Karen and Todd need to meet with school IT and set-up staff. Tables will be set up outside auditorium for candidate information. No handouts in school. No signs on school property. Event information needed to send to candidates prior to forum (background information of sponsors, panelist info, list of topics, format of event, time per question, number of questions, 30 minute meet and greet afterward, sign and handout rules). Send all candidate Bios to Karen by Sept 15th. Format discussion – 1 minute per answer; questions asked to groups of 7 (at large is one group, districts are the 2nd group). 2 minute wrap-up for each at end. Some topics mentioned were safety on Shore Drive, Pleasure House Point purchase in addition to the topics mentioned in the 7/22 minutes. Early October is the tentative meeting for the panelists.

Congressional Forum – Possible dates, Oct 11th. Karen to take dates to Nye's rep to get confirmation on one. Bill or Brent to ask CBF to be sponsor and/or panelist.

Green Ribbon Committee Update – The draft for the Site Guide has been completed. Still working on the parking regulations. Karen will keep us updated.

September 20th Breakfast – LRNOW and CBF will hold a breakfast to discuss the watershed implementation plan. Time and location to be determined.

Mayor's Energy Task Force – The task force opposes Cypress Creek. City Council will accept the report. They may eventually work up an official resolution at which time we may need to rally support.

Post Cards to Support Climate Change Bill – Mary handed out cards and asked them to be distributed.

Virginia Environmental Assembly – Sept 17 & 18 at the VB Convention Center.

Pleasure House Point purchase – A group has formed to raise \$4 million to purchase the area designated for commercial development. Stay tuned to help raise awareness.

Next meeting of PPC – Sept 23 at 7pm in Fire Station meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm