

Minutes for September 23, 2010 LRNOW Public Policy Committee (PPC)
submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Location: First Landing Fire Station

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:05pm by Mary Picardi.

Attendees: (5) attendees – Mary Picardi, Todd Solomon, Bill Fleming, Karen Forget, Brent James

Aug. 26, 2010 minutes read and approved without change

Status of Chesapeake Clean Water Act (CCWA) – Mary provided an update. A letter has been sent to Harry Reid. 55 groups have signed. The letter asked for the CCWA bill to be included as part of the regional waters act. Individual support may be needed to push this through.

Virginia Clean Water Implementation Plan (WIP) – VA submitted their plan to the EPA. Sierra Club gave the WIP an “F”. Nutrient trading is still not clear on how it will work. Community has chance to comment on WIP at 5 hearings. CBF has issued talking points on the WIP. See their website for information.

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

Candidate Forum Update – Still need 5 candidate bios. Cape Henry working on microphones and set-up. Karen will set up a site meeting with CHC, Todd and Karen. Scott Harper, Todd and Karen will be panelists. Kyra will be timekeeper. 1st week of Oct – Send out reminder to candidates. 2nd week of Oct – Panelist meeting to discuss questions. Get bios to Karen for program. SDCC will send out an email asking for questions. Ask other groups to forward forum information to increase attendance.

Congressional Forum – Still working on a date. Oct 10th or 23rd is possible. We need to get Rigell to commit first then the others. But right now it doesn't look promising.

City Updates

Cypress Creek – Business investors withdrew EPA applications based on a financial decision. Army Corps of Engineers permit still working. This is not a dead issue. When economy picks up, this project will continue. Wise Energy Forum on Tues. Oct. 28th at 7pm. VB Energy Task Force's report opposed Cypress Creek. City Council approved the report. Mayor will ask HRPDC to hold a forum to tell Hampton Roads about the concerns of the project. Time frame unknown.

Pleasure House Point purchase – \$13 million needed to purchase entire site. A group has formed to raise \$4 million to purchase the area designated for commercial development. A street party is planned for Oct. 9th from 1-5pm on Marlin Bay Dr. to help raise money and awareness.

October 16th Seafood Festival – LRNOW and Bubba's will host this event. \$35. See LRNOW website for more information.

October 23rd 6K Race – LRNOW is holding a Sunshine 6K race. See website for more information.

Governor's Conference on Energy – In Richmond on Oct 12-14, 2010. See vsbn.org/gce2010 for more information.

Next meeting of PPC – Nov. 18, 2010 at 7pm in Fire Station meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm