

Sustainable Monocacy Commission meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021 (virtual meeting via Webex)

Members present: Alderman Roger Wilson, Councilmember Jerry Donald, Andy Celmer, Glenn Dunham, Charles Eirkson, Gary Magnuson, Matt Moran, Lonnie Ropp, Peter Sicilia, Kim Stewart.

Members absent: Bill Allen

Planning Staff: Kim Golden Brandt, Tim Goodfellow. Legal Staff: Kathy Mitchell

Kim opened the video meeting at 7:01pm with an introduction and a welcome greeting. Tim followed with same and proceeded with the agenda.

Tim discussed Council Bill No. 19-17 from 2020 that established the Sustainable Monocacy Commission (SMC). Tim reviewed the roles and duties of the SMC as listed in the Bill, including information on membership, officers, and operational procedures. Future SMC meetings were established to occur the 4th Thursday of every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Each member present introduced him/her self to the larger group, and provided some personal background, including history with the River and identification of larger goals related to the SMC and the River.

Three examples of operational procedures/by-laws were sent to the SMC. Staff will create a draft set of by-laws and send to members for discussion at the March 2021 meeting. The March 2021 meeting will also include nominations and votes for Chair and Vice-chair.

Matt Moran agreed to explore the creation of a logo for the SMC.

Tim discussed possible future speakers, tours of County-owned, River-front properties, and a canoe trip. Tim will send old Annual Reports from the prior River Board to members to read about the activities and endeavors undertaken by the prior River Board. SMC members requested copies of the Monocacy Watershed maps displayed during the meeting, and information about other commissions/boards of other State-designated Scenic Rivers in Maryland. Tim will gather and distribute to the SMC.

No public comments were received during the video meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Tim Goodfellow