

Sustainable Monocacy Commission meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Members present: Charles Eirkson, Gary Magnuson, Lonnie Ropp, Kim Stewart, Andy Celmer, Matt Moran, Bill Allen (Chair), Glenn Dunham

Members absent: Councilmember Jerry Donald, Peter Sicilia

County Staff: Tim Goodfellow, Kimberly Golden Brandt

Guest Speakers: Joe Hallinan, Adams County Conservation District, Pat Naugle, Watershed Alliance of Adams County

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Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Lonnie asked about the status of the Lefty Kreh memorial. Tim stated that he would contact the gentleman (Andy Meckelburg) from the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers, who previously briefed the SMC, for an update. Lonnie stated she would extend an invitation to Andy Meckelburg to attend the Carroll Creek Rotary Club.

Andy Celmer motioned to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes. Lonnie seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Pat Naugle, President of the Watershed Alliance of Adams County (WAAC) described the group's founding in 2000, and some of their activities and focus areas. A 12-person Board guides the work of the WAAC which includes environmental education, stream monitoring, water quality improvements, BMP promotion, and addressing overall water resource issues. Pat stated that approximately ½ of Adams County drains to the Monocacy, the other ½ to the Susquehanna River. The WAAC's web site: <http://www.adamswatersheds.org/>

Joe Hallinan, Watershed Specialist with the Adams County Conservation District (ACCD), described his work as a technical advisor/organizer for a variety of environmental restoration projects, water quality improvements, and community outreach initiatives. Joe talked in detail about some of the projects he has managed, funding sources, and partnerships associated with the ACCD projects. Joe concluded with an interesting take-away message that he strives to achieve and employ: "Normalizing a culture of conservation"

Matt M. displayed and described the latest SMC logo that he designed. SMC members expressed thanks and offered their input on design changes, additions, deletions. Matt will email a revised draft of the logo for members to review, with a planned final vote at the February 17, 2022 meeting.

The group discussed the task of examining the recommendations contained in the 2019 River Management Plan, with every member selecting his/her top 3 recommendations for further

discussion, exploration, and implementation. This effort will continue to the February 17, 2022 meeting.

Speakers/topics were discussed for future meetings. Gary mentioned a Monocacy River Watershed overview by staff from Hood College's Center for Watershed and Coastal Studies. Tim will invite staff from Frederick County to speak about the County's stormwater permit.

Chuck will form a subcommittee (Chuck, Gary, Andy, Matt, Tim) to develop a clean-up event.

Unanimous approval to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm.

Submitted by Tim Goodfellow