



FCRP QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday | May 29th, 2018 | 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Rooms 4&5

Attending: Karen Fuentes, Terry Yates, Philip Latasa, Kris Unger, Mimi Friedman, Amy Gould, Dan Schwartz, Noel Kaplan, Catie Torgersen, Robert Johnson

-Review & Status of issues relating to Transportation Projects:

Discussion of action items along the 495 Express Lanes project that require attention included the potential restoration of a spring that was damaged. Terry Yates said that he'd spoken with Larry Cloyed about the spring who expressed some concerns about removing the rip rap as it appeared to him that the spring had been damaged from erosion and bringing in heavy equipment might cause additional damage. Terry also said that Stanley Newman indicated he may be able to place large equipment outside the sound wall to access the spring for repair. Kris Unger requested we reach out to NVSCD to see what can be done as there is stream damage stemming from this problem and we asked Dan Schwartz to help us follow up on that issue. Asad Rouhi had done a site visit on that spring some time ago but it appears the condition downstream has changed and it might be worth a second look.

-Regarding Route 7 widening:

We raised the issue of the relocation of Colvin Run near Carper's Farm Way and our support of Stormwater Planning's preference for the natural channel design over the proposed block trapezoidal design and the reasons why we felt it would be detrimental to both the stream and the wetlands leaving the burden for restoration to the County to mitigate. The Army Corps of Engineers is involved with permitting this area and the talks are on-going. We asked to be kept informed as to how these negotiations proceed both from VDOT and from Stormwater Planning.

Additionally, along Route 7, regarding the forested area that will be used for temporary easements, we requested that VDOT try to use only what has to be used rather than clear cutting the entire forested area. We know stormwater facilities will be placed but since the forested area is well established with all the benefits that come with that it would be preferable to utilize only space necessary to facilitate the project. Terry Yates did inform us that Garrett Moore wanted a stand along "landscaping" project, we emphasized the need for reforestation as opposed to "landscaping" which inherently brings the necessity of maintenance and we would prefer a low to no maintenance reforestation effort instead and upgraded grading to any stormwater ponds that might be installed.

Braddock Road/Lake Accotink forebay:

Philip Latasa mentioned the Save Lake Accotink effort was heading to the Board of Supervisors for a bond decision in June. We summarized our discussion with a rep from FCDOT we met with to propose locating a forebay for Lake Accotink with a stormwater facility that is being planned for the Braddock Road widening that is on the north side of Lake Accotink. Terry will follow up with FCDOT to see where these plans are. Our opinion is that this will eliminate the need to deforest to build a road for truck access to dredge and will allow for one more dredge of Lake Accotink before the forebay goes in and will allow for the preservation of Lake Accotink and will allow for better truck access off a main road for more frequent dredging rather than through the neighborhoods which was objectionable to the residents.

-RPA's & Land Use Decisions Follow Up

4104 Woodlark Drive is coming up on appeal to the Board of Supervisors on June 19th. The owner wants to build into the RPA after she chose to ignore the covenants' 75' setback requirement and a Judge upheld the restriction. We had a lengthy discussion on the issues and concerns around building in RPA's generally and the concerns that the current rule doesn't provide for more discretion in granting exceptions and in particular how this property could set a precedent for other RPA's and undermining their purpose how and if they are considered for development.

Noel brought to our attention the evaluation of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for residential uses up to 8 dwelling units per acre on a badly degraded commercial/industrial site that is in a floodplain and an RPA at 8800 Richmond Highway. There are many issues surrounding this particular site that has had zoning violations in the past. Tradeoffs to be considered are restoration and mitigation for part of the site to allow for minimum development. Noel felt this was an issue that FCRP would like to be aware of. The Motion can be found under Board Matters, Item 3 at the following link:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/sites/mountvernon/files/assets/documents/bos%20briefs/bos%20brief%203.6.18.pdf>

-Updates on partner activities

FCRP was approached by Friends of Upton Hill Regional Park regarding NOVAParks planned recreational development and the cutting of several mature trees that raised concerns for neighbors. It was determined that all of the decisions for this particular park were being made at the Arlington County level and Fairfax County didn't have any avenue in which to participate. We sympathize with the additional impervious surface and encourage the community members who oppose continue working to find a solution. NOVAParks had received letters of support from all of the surrounding communities, although the Friends of Upton Hill dispute the veracity of this support. We feel this is something that should be addressed directly with NOVAParks as FCRP doesn't have a connection with them. Michael Nardolilli was invited to attend FCRP's meeting but did not attend.

Additionally, information on a potential trash trap on Little Hunting Creek was determined to be a test project that has moved to the construction phase in stormwater. The site was determined based upon pad needs for equipment necessary to empty the trash trap. Over the next several years costs and benefits will be determinative of whether or not this test program expands to other areas.

Robert Johnson spoke about ongoing efforts to identify the ownership of the area between Lake Drive and the community on the East at the entry to NVCC that is part of the easement. As it's an unlit path through the woods, there are safety concerns, and NVCC is considering blocking access to the path and/or deconstructing the asphalt. The suggestion was made to remove the pavement with a possible grant from Transurban's community grant program and with the help of the ReBuild group to assist in that effort. Robert & Amy will discuss offline.

NVCC is also planning another Fall environmental film or education event at the Annandale campus and considering doing similar, simultaneous events at other campuses (e.g., Woodbridge and Loudoun).

-New Members Update

We have three new members: Mimi Friedman, Will Friedman & Dann Sklarew have all joined. Dann was unable to make this particular meeting as his students voted to attend the Environmental Committee Meeting instead, but Mimi did attend and we are thrilled to have her.