



Minutes of the Regular NEC Meeting, Feb 19, 2019

Members Present: Cynthia Shurling, Karen Forget, Harry Kenyon, Audrey Webb, Rooney Rosmer, Stephen Leaman, Andrew Haas, Bethal Abraham, Sue Williams, Amelia Bonheur, Megan Hale, Crissie Crusemire, Debora Mosher, Mary-Carson Stiff, Roberto Lovick, Nicole Weisstanner, Theresa Dunleavy, Ken Parker.

Members Excused: Sharon Smith, Kari Buchanan, Juan Morgan, David Thorne.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Bill Speidel, Nathan Bowman, Justin Shafer, Capt. Chris Bryant, Androse Jefferson, City Council Woman Andria McClellan, Katie White.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

1. Matthew Simons, Flood Plane Administrator, Norfolk Dept. of City Planning gave an overview of the Startup In Residence Program.
 - a. The city has engaged Civis Analytic to create a message delivery system targeting particular residents concerning flooding issues.
 - b. Civis Analytic is one of two tech companies the city is using to help with five challenges: flooding, refuse collection, small business, emergency shelter and FOIA management.
2. The January minutes were approved.
3. Katie White presented the Director's Report for KNB:
 - a. Open house events were well attended and successful
 - b. KNB and WM continue to work with the Diggs Town community project. Next meeting will be Feb. 20.
 - c. Great American Clean Up March 1 thru June 1. May 3 will be Paint the Park. May 4 Elizabeth River Trail cleanup.
 - d. April 27 Clean out to Clean Up with WM.
 - e. Adopt-A-Spot program is growing monthly.
 - f. Teaming with SW for first grade Earth Month Reading Program the first two weeks in April.
4. New Commissioners Harry Kenyon, Cynthia Shurling, and Megan Hale were welcomed to the Commission.

5. Karen gave an update on General Assembly environmental legislation. Only two items passed: oyster replenishment funding and coal ash removal process. The budget for natural resources was increased from .6% to 2%. Comments are needed to protect the Clean Water Act.
6. Commissioner name tags have been ordered.
7. Audrey and Megan will revise dates for HS Rep application.
8. Speaker for March TBA
9. Ken, Cynthia, and Karen are nominating committee for position Exec. Com. (Member at Large). Vote to take place at the March meeting.
10. Councilwoman McClellan gave an update on city recycling negotiations. Stephen and Harry will create a statement for City Council regarding the NEC position on recycling.
11. Audrey met with Michelle Covi, ODU professor in the Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Department, concerning collaboration on projects between ODU and NEC.
12. Amelia reported on the Granby Go Green Program she is working on at Granby High.
13. Nathan reported on new inspector hire.
14. Androse reported only 3 inspectors available re. refuse infractions.
15. Bill reported 140 trees planted at Fairmont Park and 103 trees at Bay Oaks Park.

The meeting was adjourned.