



Minutes of the Regular NEC Meeting, July 16, 2019

Members Present: Andrew Haas, Nathaniel Almeida, Sue Williams, Rooney Rosmer, Kari Buchanan, Nicole Weisstanner, Crissie Crusemire, Ken Parker, Audrey Webb, Hannah Kinder, Sharon Smith, Cynthia Shurling, Karen Forget, Ava Anderson, Debora Mosher, Harry Kenyon, Stephen Leaman, Roberto Lovick, Marjorie Cenese, Keara Daly, Theresa Dunleavy.

Members Excused: Bethal Abraham, Megan Hale, Juan Morgan.

Members Absent: Mary-Carson Stiff.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Justin Shafer, Nathan Bowman, Androse Jefferson, Fleta Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

- Cheryl White, Executive Director of the Elizabeth River Trail, made a presentation on the history and management of the trail.
- New Commissioners were welcomed on board: Nathaniel Almeida, Hannah Kinder, and Keira Daly.
- The minutes from the June meeting were amended to add Cindy to the Annual Report . Committee. Harry was added to the list of excused commissioners from June's meeting.
- Director's Report:
  1. HHW/E center at Pineridge closed. As of July 2, SPSA now doing HHW collection. Towing will continue electronic waste and paper shredding, 24/7.
  2. June and July are reporting months. Numbers to share: 7417 volunteers, 69 tons' debris collected, 478 trees planted as well as 8,387 plants, shrubs, grasses.
  3. Litter Index will be done 8/8-9.
  4. ICC and National Planting Day (Sept. 7) in Diggs Town.
  5. New Fall Program: Pack It In at five high school football games for no litter left behind to run late Sept. thru Oct.
- Eco Steward Awards: winners are 757 Creative Re-Use Center, Equinox Coffee, and Lisa Russo with Harbor Front Garden Club.
- Green Reader: Rooney and Betsy will meet with Wetlands Board to seek funding for books.

- Legislative Committee: Karen announced a town hall meeting on July 31 at the Brock Center to discuss offshore drilling.
  - o Congresswoman Luria and other city and state representatives will be in attendance. Register to attend. For Virginia political information go to [vpap.org](http://vpap.org), (Virginia Public Access Project) or Virginia League of Conservation Voters.
  - o A letter will be sent to City Council to urge recommitment to opposition of offshore drilling etc. And also urge General Assembly Delegates and Senators to act to protect to our coast.
- Sharon reviewed and Commission accepted revision, suggested by Andria McClellan, re. the NEC Composition of Commission Policy and Procedure.
- Underground oil tanks: Stephen reviewed the continuing work to identify/remove abandoned oil tanks in the city.
- Sign Committee: Plans for more watershed signs are in progress.
- Annual Report Committee: Timelines should be included with individual committee reports. Reports to be submitted now.
- Audrey away several weeks as of 8/15/19. Stephen will assume Chair in her absence.
- The Commission welcomed Captain Michele Naughton, NPD.
- The speaker for August meeting will be Seamus McCarthy, Environmental Services Manager.
- Justin Shafer reported that the wetland restoration project at the Hermitage is completed.

The meeting was adjourned.