

Kings Contrivance Environmental Committee
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Meeting Minutes
July 14 7:30 P.M – 8:20 P.M.
Amherst House

Attendees:

- **Alan Pflugrad**
- **Beverley Myers**
- **Hillary Bierce**

Material/Handouts

- Agenda for July 14, 2016 (hard copy)
- Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2016 – see online and bring a hard copy if you want one
<http://www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org/pdf/Events/KC%20Environment%20Committee%20Meeting%20Notes%20May%202016.pdf>
- Preliminary Plan for the event Walk with Ned/Watershed and OpenSpace Outreach

Agenda:

1. Introduction and Welcome (5-10)
 - Welcome visitors/solicit members – no visitors
 - Introductions and review agenda for this meeting – Al summarized the agenda and asked for any updates and there were none.
 - Quick review May 12 meeting minutes – waived
2. Old Business and Action Item Follow-up (30)
 1. Continue “Walk with Ned” planning in accordance with committee recommendations from our previous meetings.

Reviewed in detail the preliminary plan which was emailed to all committee members, primary support organizations and individuals and printed for attendees at the meeting.

The KC Village staff will prepare a flyer/poster and communicate the event in the KC Crown Prints and Facebook. Al will post the event in the KC neighborhood NEXT DOOR as well as work with the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) advertisements. Al will draft an advertisement ASAP.

The KC Environment Committee will staff a “table” with our cleanup display, map of KC open space, and Ned Tillman books for sale. They will also coordinate the raffle including obtaining raffle tickets and raffle items. Raffle items will include Ned’s books (2), native plants (5), walking staffs (2), and KC Water Bottles (5)

The KC Village will provide refreshments IF the WSA will not.

CA is not requesting registration so if we wanted a head count, KC staff would need to manage some registration and we decided to not do so even though without a head count we won't be able to manage refreshments, etc. We estimated attendees for the walk between 15 and 50 depending on weather and the effectiveness of event advertising.

2. Mosquito Workshop - Lessons Learned Review

Simply noted that the workshop was well attended and effective

3. New Business (15)

1. Review our original brainstorm suggestions (see below) and match to committee member interest

Simply noted that committee members are encouraged to select an item from our list of brainstormed objectives and work on them sharing any plans and progress with the committee.

4. Committee Member "Share" (an opportunity for each attendee to share (optional) any environmental activities, events or activity) (5-15)

1. AI shared more information regarding the sewage overflow behind our Stonebrook community into the Little Patuxent River: that the county landscaping initially failed but was immediately fixed and that the new rock protective cover over the sewer failed and was immediately corrected by the county; the Stonebrook HOA is watching! AI also reported on Columbia Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC)/Kings Contrivance Representative: the CA Watershed Manager received another grant covering rain garden cost share with EXPANDED coverage to the Middle Patuxent i.e. Dickenson and parts of Huntington! The WAC also voted to support the "addling" of geese eggs on CA property starting in the spring 2017 in accordance with permits to be obtained. The geese population is damaging useful watershed vegetation in addition to the excrement nuisance.

Results of 9/24/2015 Attendee Brainstorm ("what topics would you like the committee to address" and "what do you think could be done to maintain and improve the KC Environment")

1. Promote erosion prevention
2. Promote proper use of fertilizer
3. Advocate best practices to beautify your lawn
4. Help finding environmentally friendly lawn maintenance providers – how to interview – good questions to ask, etc.

5. Study lawn grass alternatives
6. New forms of community notifications
 - a. Is there an app for that?
 - b. Patch
 - c. "did you know" in community newsletters
 - d. Engage block captains
7. CA Walk with Ned
8. Invasive species "weed warrior" program (10/10 and 10/17 HCC)
9. Deer