



Minutes of the Regular NEC Meeting, June 18, 2019

Members Present: Kari Buchanan, Theresa Dunleavy, Megan Hale, Stephen Leaman, Debora Mosher, Ken Parker, Rooney Rosmer, Cynthia Shurling, Sharon Smith, Audrey Webb, Nicole Weisstanner, Sue Williams, Ava Anderson

Members Excused: Bethal Abraham, Karen Forget, Andrew Haas, Juan Morgan, Roberto Lovick.

Members Absent: Crissie Crusemire, Mary-Carson Stiff, Harry Kenyon.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fleta Jackson, Justin Shafer, Bill Speidel.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

1. Eco Steward Awards: Presented to Betsy Brichter in person. Kevin Jamison, Commune Restaurant, and Kate Melhuish, Master Gardener, to be presented later.
2. NEC Composition of Commission Policy and Procedure presented and approved.
3. Presentation: Stephen Leaman gave an overview of Norfolk Tug Co. highlighting the environmental benefits of moving products by barge.
4. May minutes were approved.
5. Director's Report:
  - a. Painted trash cans to be placed in Ocean View.
  - b. Pack It In - Pack It Out, new initiative at 5 high schools to reduce game day litter.
  - c. HRGreen update: Rethink the Straw campaign for September.
    - i. Recycling campaign to educate citizens on what to put in blue recycle bins.
6. HS Rep Ava Anderson welcomed on board. Debora as mentor.
7. Annual Report to the City: Committee formed with Stephen, Nicole, Sharon and Sue.
  - a. Audrey to present with commissioners by November.
8. Sue will take over NEC Facebook duties.
9. Green Reader: Funding to be discussed with the Wetlands Board.
10. July speaker: Cheryl White, Exec. Dir., Elizabeth River Trail.
11. Orientation: September, for new commissioners.
12. Karen Forget, Legislative Committee:
  - a. The Supreme Court upheld Virginia's uranium mining ban, 6 - 3.

- b. Governor has called a special sitting of The General Assembly, July 9, to address gun control legislation.
  - c. Reminder: All state senators and delegates are up for election in November.
13. Morgan Wayland will be asked to update Commission on City's legislative agenda for next year.
14. FONE: Received a grant for Diggs Town from Keep Virginia Beautiful, to be used for a community garden.

The meeting was adjourned.