

FOSC Board Meeting

At Kit's, **Dec 2, 2014**

attending: Jim Anderson, Terry Anderson, Kit Gage, Sarah Jane Marcus, Bruce Sidwell, Michael Smith, Corinne Lackner Stephens

Decisions:

CBT Grant proposals: After considerable discussion, agreed to send letters of support for 3 projects – WaterWatchDogs, Sough Four Corners and Montgomery Housing Partnership. For WaterWatchDogs we will recommend the more focused grant. We will make clear we're not a responsible partner for any of the grants but will support in general, and do specified activities to facilitate. Kit will draft and send letters.

Pesticides Letter: After considerable discussion, agreed to send a letter to County Council along the lines of the Bruce drafted letter amended by Michael Smith, and not including explicit endorsement of the MoCo bill language. Kit will confirm content with Michael S and Bruce before sending to council.

Treasurer search: 2 good candidates (and since, one more) whom Vanessa will first interview then with Kit. Will recommend to the board, perhaps including a recommendation for a vice treasurer – in training for the job after current treasurer.

Database Update: Andrew has almost completed the 200 good names transfer. Will reactivate the donation button and process so Kit can send an end of year letter. Michael Smith, Michael Wilpers, Bruce Sidwell and Kit will go over the 'bad' addresses to see if any of them can be recouped and added to the new database.

Upcoming FOSC informational meetings:

January – Trash – Michael S will reach out to Julie Lawson about a Jan 20 date and then work with Sarah Jane and Ann and Laura to promote

March – Keynote by Rob Gibbs, greetings from Mike Riley, the new Parks head, and committee tabling to promote people joining our committees - Kit and Bruce point people?

April or May – Allison Gillespie and backyard Natives for Pollinators – Elaine Lamirande point person

July or Aug – USGS reporting, perhaps Sherry Miller – Michael S and Corinne point people

November – Melanie Choukas-Bradley – Rock Creek plants book – confirmed, co-sponsored with the Takoma Hort Club, Kit point person

Committees reported in. No board to do's.

Reported by Kit – send any corrections to me.