

Friends of Sligo Creek Board Meeting

March 31, 2015

Present: Kit Gage (President), Sarah Jane Marcus (Vice President), Jim Anderson, Corrine Stephens, Mike Smith, Bruce Sidwell, Dee Clarkin (Assistant Treasurer)

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from previous meeting – approved

Action item: Kit will investigate where previous board minutes should be archived on website.

3. Consider two candidates for database updating and maintenance job. **Proposed and seconded: hire Amy Wesolek to do the updating and maintenance and Justin Dove to train Amy and to help out occasionally with database optimization. Total budget for both positions: approx \$2,500 annually - approved unanimously.**
4. Board matters -- lessons and suggestions from River Network consultant Mary Ellen Olcese. Discussion of Mary Ellen's recommendations (see separate report).

Action items: Mike Smith will contact group on Georgia Ave – Green Corps.

Kit Gage will contact Casa de Maryland.

By next board meeting all board members will report to Kit the year of their first coming on the board. Start month will be considered to be April 1. Kit will enter in spreadsheet and we can clarify renewal dates, succession or other needed action.

5. Grants Given: Water WatchDogs and Montgomery Housing Partnership.

Action Items: Kit must sign and return the CBT Grant Authorization

Treasurers must figure out how to pay Richard Klein \$5,000 per the terms of the grant.

6. Inspiring Sligo Meeting – all thought it went very well.

Action item: Corrine will send Sarah Jane the EPA representatives contact info.

7. Sweep the Creek – April 25-26, 2015

Action Item: Sarah Jane will make sure it is posted on website. Sarah Jane will also work with Patton to ensure correct sign up sheets are used to capture participant info.

8. Other upcoming activities: Middendorf Walk, Pollinators with Alison Gillepsie, Takoma Park Earth Day, Boy Scout Jamboree.
9. Note: Michael Wilpers is now the interim Natural History Chair – current work is to convince Parks to stop mowing in particular areas. Working on proposal.

Action item: Kit will forward Michael’s proposal to the Board as a FYI.

10. Committee news: Jim Anderson recently worked with Sienna School on project with some students and a teacher.
11. Discussion of ongoing WSSC work.

Action item: Bruce and Kit will look for tree list for WSSC replanting of sewer relining temporary roadways in response to Jim’s question.

12. Next meeting: early May.

Action item: Kit will send out Doodle poll to determine next meeting date. Also will explore next Roundtable meeting date.

Minutes Submitted,

Dee Clarkin (Assistant Treasurer).