

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

	Attendance Record
Members Present:	
Charlie Kreter, Chair	4/4
Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	3/4
Jim Burdick	4/4
Bill Kardash	2/4
Kurt Riegel	4/4
Daniel Roche	4/4
Dick Spencer	4/4
Bob Whitcomb	3/4
Guests and Staff:	
Sara Caldes, Severn Riverkeeper Program	
Joe Berg, Biohabitats	
David Barker, Back Creek Conservancy	
Gail Kenson, USNA	
Zoe Johnson, USNA	
Meghan Spencer, ACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	
Lex Birney	1/4
Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	3/4
Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	1/4

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER – Sara Caldes, Severn Riverkeeper Program & Joe Berg, Biohabitats

Sara Caldes of the Severn Riverkeeper Program (SRP) presented to the commission about the Hockley Branch/Clements Creek stream restoration project. She discussed some information about Hockley Branch, as well as the current restoration project timeline. After displaying a map of the Clements Creek Watershed, Caldes discussed the current condition of Clements Creek, and some other watershed restoration projects in Clements Creek.

Caldes then discussed the mission of the SRP, and some of the SRP restoration projects and watershed restoration methods, as well as sampling and assessment findings. Caldes then discussed the effect of the beaver dams on the Clements Creek restoration project.

Following the presentation, Clements and Berg answered questions from the SRC. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public input.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the March 8, 2018, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2018 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY ROCHE AND SECONDED BY PHILLIPS. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

David Barker of the Back Creek Conservancy (BCC) discussed the timeline, application process and updates on the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) application.

Gail Kenson introduced Zoe Johnson as the new Community Planning Liaison Officer at Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA).

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Review

Kreter made changes in the bylaws wording, from non-voting to voting, and Whitcomb's comment on the scenic rivers land trust.

Wroxeter Estate Variance

This is on hold until May 2018.

Permit Notifications

This is on hold until May 2018.

Water Access

Whitcomb said the water access meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

Future Presentations

- Kreter will request a presentation from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation legal team
- Whitcomb requested a presentation on Weems Creek

No Discharge Zone (NDZ)

See above NDZ discussion.

Annapolis Yacht Club

Kardash spoke with Leo Wilson, and significant progress is being made on the Compromise Street property, which has an estimated completion date of July 2018. There are stormwater runoff issues with the Eastport property. Kardash will speak with the Commodore regarding a letter that was sent to AYC members.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb said that oyster planting is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2018.

Crownsville Hospital Center

There was nothing new to report. Kreter requested removal from the agenda.

Clements Creek/Hockley Branch

See above.

Severn Riverkeeper

There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW ITEMS

NDZ Application Feedback

See above.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer
AACounty DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Watershed Protection & Restoration Program