

McDonald Creek Commission

Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2017

Present: Commissioners Jan Fuller, Jon Kindseth, Rick Hartke; volunteer Nancy Lutton.
Also present was Jill Moskal of Prospect Heights Natural Resource Commission

I. OPENING ITEMS – Meeting began at 6:11pm Jon volunteered to run the meeting and take minutes.

Minutes of 7/11/17 meeting discussed, then approved. Minutes discussion captured below.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Goals and strategies- Jan discussed the desire to reconsolidate these goals and strategies to the four discussed in detail at 7/11/17 meeting. Nancy and others agreed that these could be consolidated back to the four as numerated below.

1. Educate, inform and advocate
 - *City website*
 - *City newsletter*
 - *Pamphlets for personal distribution to creekside residents*
2. Address issues with water quality and water quantity (flooding / erosion / drainage infrastructure)
 - Monitor and collect data
 - *Clean-up days, in cooperation with Public Works*
3. Develop partnerships with neighboring communities and other related relevant agencies.
 - MWRD, PHNRC, HOAs, etc.
4. Restore

Establish relationship with Public Works Superintendent -- Jon and Harold have a meeting scheduled with Mark Roscoe on July 27th. Jon indicated that they would report back to the Committee the results of this meeting, but he was very welcoming in accommodating in setting up the meeting. All members were excited about the upcoming meeting with the PW Superintendent.

City website content - Jon has gathered all of the digital copies of Lake County Stormwater Management publications, as well as gotten their permission to reuse these publications for the stated purpose of educating our local residents.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Jill from PHNRC talked about the McDonald Creek Commission being an advocate for the Creek, much the same their organization is and advocate for other natural areas, including the slough which is a part of the McDonald Creek. Jan discussed that this was the way it was previously under prior Creek committees and that this was her hope what was going to be included in our mission moving forward. Jill further discussed the two Commissions' shared goals. Jon agreed they overlapped in

the advocacy area. The group discussed the need and options for the group to gain proper permissions for access to the creek along private property. Issues pertaining to Lake Claire were discussed, without a clear solution be presented but with agreement that a closer look at this needed. Jan and Rick contributed their knowledge as to the issues created (significant loss of tableland) by the widening of Camp McDonald Rd. bridge and the subsequent Rob Roy overflow discharge at this same location.

Jill asked to be included on future emails pertaining to meetings as she intended to serve a representative to the MCC from the PHNRC. Jon stated that all our meetings were open to the public and he would share her email and contact information with Chairwoman Catherine Brady.

IV. ACTION ITEMS / ADJOURNMENT

City website content - Jon K. is experienced with Civics Plus and can get digital copies of Lake County Stormwater Management publications; he will coordinate with Peter Falcone on creating a page for McDonald Creek Commission.

City newsletter - Submission deadline for fall newsletter is Sept. 1. Our copy should include brief history of creek committees, our mission statement and goals, our meeting schedule and website page (if ready), and a photo. This submission can be the content for website Home page. Goal was discussed to have a draft of the email article ready for the next meeting. Jan volunteered to pen the draft, Jon volunteered to review and edit.

Distribution pamphlets -- The Stream Maintenance pamphlet provided by the City plus an update insert specific to McDonald Creek, with Commission contact information, was suggested.

City Council presentation -- Jon K. will be our spokesperson

Adjourned 7:20 pm.

Next meeting 6 pm Tuesday, August 22, 2017