

Meeting Minutes

Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Subcommittee on Options to Consider Other than Traditional Full Dredging

Monday, August 14th, 2023

9:00 pm

Government Center, Conference Room 11

Members Present: John Cook, Chair (Individual), Evelyn Spain (Planning Commission), Mary Cortina (Planning Commission), Martin Shepherd (Ravensworth Farm Civic Association), David Kepley (Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions), Diane Hoffman (Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee), Charlotte Hannagan (Kings Park Civic Association)

Members Absent: Matt Bright (Earth Sangha), Michael Deloose (West Springfield Civic Association), Cathy Field (North Springfield Civic Association), Ernest Rodriguez (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE))

The subcommittee meeting was called to order at 9:05 pm. Attendance was taken.

Chair Cook asked for someone to volunteer to be the subcommittee secretary. Charlotte Hannagan agreed to be the secretary.

Chair Cook discussed the overall remit of the subcommittee and how he envisions the group to function and perform its duties.

The subcommittee is tasked with investigating options to consider other than full dredging. The subcommittee members were asked to think about some viable options to discuss at the next subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee will then team up in pairs (2 members) to delve deeper into selected options and report back to the subcommittee. The options must be sustainable and viable, to the extent known. The options must also take into consideration any ongoing maintenance, and identify options to build support for continued funding. Stormwater management and dam considerations must also be accounted for.

The subcommittee discussed some initial options:

- Managed wetland
- Native habitat project (savannah), which could lead to funding for forestation and grasslands
- Smaller lake
- Kayak stream

The subcommittee will meet at the government center on the following dates:

- August 21
- September 25
- October 23

The subcommittee members were tasked with finding a map of Lake Accotink and the Park Authority Land, and to look at the website for specific work examples.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.