Agenda for

Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee 5th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, Richmond, VA November 17, 2022

Call to Order:

Minutes: September 15, 2022

Current Issues:

• Presentation: Chesapeake Bay Act - Buffer Regulations: Heather Mackey, Principal Environmental Planner, DEQ, Office of Watersheds and Local Government Assistance Programs- Riparian Buffers Modification & Mitigation and Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Regulations

(Please submit these reports in writing as we likely will devote the meeting time to Heather's Presentation)

- Riverfront Development Plan Updates: Kevin Vonck, Director, Dept. of Planning & Development Review, City Of Richmond
 - Update on development plan in Manchester at Mayo Bridge area
 - o Any progress on Diversity Park improvement or plans for a Manchester Canal walk.
 - Missing Link design update.
 - Any other Riverfront development information.
- CRLC Updates: Parker Agelasto, Executive Director, Capital Regional Land Conservancy:
 - (Parker Agelasto: Josh and Carrie Rogers donated 3.5 acres to CRLC to be added to the James River Park System conservation easement and transferred to the City in the future. This is the property west of Westover Hills Boulevard at Nickle Bridge where Buttermilk West Trail access has been granted on private land. It will now be public land and will ensure the trail will remain open to the public in perpetuity.
 - Also, we are trying to close out fundraising on the Dock Street property. CRLC has another \$175,000 to raise towards its \$250,000 challenge grant from the Cabell Foundation. Our goal is to complete fundraising by the end of the year so the property can be transferred to the City. A draft of the conservation easement has been submitted to the City for consideration. Our goal is to have it prepared for introduction no later than the December City Council meeting.)
- VA Scenic Rivers: Samantha Wangsgard, Chief Environmental Planner, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (No Updates)
- Scenic Virginia Update: Leighton Powell, Executive Director, Scenic Virginia
- JRA Update: Justin Doyle, Director of Community Conservation, James River Association
- JRP Report: Giles Garrison, Superintendent, James River Park
- **DPU/RVA H2O:** Grace LeRose, Program Manager, City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities and Jenn Clarke, Public Information and Outreach Coordinator, City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities
- Friends of James River Park Report: Josh Stutz, Executive Director, Friends of the James River Park & Shawna Shade, Office Administrator, Friends of the James River Park
- BridgePark Update: Jim Hill

New Business:

Reports:

JROC: Greg Velzy – King of the James – Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 8:00am

JRAC: James River Cleanup

Open Discussion:

Adjourn:

Next Public Meeting: December 15, 2022

Meetings usually begin at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room on the 5th floor of Richmond City Hall, and by Zoom. Meetings are scheduled for the THIRD Thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. We will try to meet in City Hall for the month of June. This will require that all attendees give notice of their intent by October 12, 2022. If you are not now receiving e-mail meeting notices and wish to receive them, please provide your name and e-mail address to velzyg@verizon.net. If you would like to be removed from the list, so indicate at the above e-mail address.