

MINUTES

Hampton Waterways Restoration Project – May 12, 2022

6:30pm -8:00 pm, Fort Monroe Community Center, 100 Stilwell Dr., Fort Monroe, VA

BOARD APPOINTED MEMBERS

PRESENT: Linda Boone, Mara Yoko, Kathy Rogers **ABSENT:** *Chris Grady,* Grady McLean *City Council appointed

ATTENDEES: Robert Boone, Rory Hendricks, and HCCC staff -Cris Ausink

PRECIDING MEETING- Linda Boone -Linda thanked everyone for coming.

MINUTES: Kathy made a motion to accept January 13, 2022 minutes as recorded. Mara seconded the motion and carried.

REPORTS:

- **BBGF TRASH BASH-**On May 5, Betsy McAllister, two Kecoughtan Biology & Environmental Science teachers, Adam Newland and Linda had a Zoom meeting about the Trash Sculptures Project. Students will make a video sculpture prototype. On June 2, students will go on a field trip to BBGF to see possible location of sculpture.
- **BBGF –PMN OYSTER REEF-** Linda reported that she put in a Project Proposal on March 24 to the Peninsula Master Naturalists so PMN members can volunteer for their Oyster Reef Project that needs restoration. Adam contacted VIMS & CNU graduate students to assess both shoreline and reef at BBGF.
- **EARTH DAY TABLE-** Saturday, April 23, YH Thomas Complex- 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM- 88 visitors came to our HWRP table

NEW BUSINESS:

- **PROPOSED EVENTS:**
 - JUNE 18- HWRP TENT- 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM-Buckroe Farmers Market. Linda & Robert will help with set up that morning.
- **HWRP MAY-AUGUST CLEANUP SCHEDULE-** After discussion about tides & possible locations, the following schedule was agreed upon:
 - MAY 21-Saturday, Pembroke Spit shoreline (low tide) 9-11 am. Park at pump station across from Spit- Need Site Captain to pick up equipment and Liability Release Sign in sheet. (Cris –unavailable due to Rain Barrel Workshop and Farmers Market)
 - JUNE 4- Saturday-CLEAN THE BAY DAY- Dandy Haven Marina Shoreline- 8:00-10:00 AM- Andy Gurkin- Site Captain
 - JUNE 9- Thursday-BUCKROE BEACH-6:30-7:30 pm
 - JULY 16-Saturday BBGF-NEWMARKET CK BOAT CLEANUP- 10:00 AM- 12:00PM, BBGF floating dock.
 - AUGUST 11- Thursday, Grandview Nature Preserve- 6:30- 7:30 pm
- **HWRP EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH using HWRP monies:**

Rory suggested we have a tablet with time-lapse videos of oysters cleaning the water (instead of buying aquarium tanks to show impact of oysters). Mara suggested display items with QR codes that will link to information on topics such as oysters, litter and plastic. For example, a QR code on an oyster shell could show where people can dispose their used shells for building a reef. These display items would be used at special events or even at seafood restaurants. Another idea Mara mentioned is having a deck of cards with a picture on one side and a QR code on the other side with information about the picture. Creative juices were flowing. We will put together a list and see what would be the best idea to use first.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - MAKER SPACES OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday MAY 18-**, Noon to 5:00 PM – Fort Monroe
 - RESILIENT HAMPTON- Wednesday, MAY 18** at 6:30pm **at Jones Magnet Middle School's Auditorium** (1819 Nickerson Blvd) You can [RSVP for the event online](#). RSVPs are requested, but not required. Visit the [planning website here](#) to learn more about the work completed to date.
 - PEMBROKE SPIT- MAY 21, 9:00-11:00 AM- Park at Pump Station-** 501 East Pembroke Ave- right after Pembroke Bridge. Linda Boone- Site Captain

NEXT BI-MONTHLY MEETING:

Thursday, July 14, 6:30-7:30 pm at Fort Monroe Community Center, 100 Stilwell Drive, Fort Monroe