



**TOWN OF FARRAGUT
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY ROOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015
3:30PM**

Minutes

1. Call to order 3:32pm
Members present: Lori Saal, Violet Freudenberg, Ed Whiting, Debbie Fraser, Joe Wolfe, Ken Hawkins, Valerie McFall, Joseph Konvicka and Nicholas St. Sauveur (guest)
2. Approval of Minutes: Ken made a motion to approve August minutes and all were in favor.
3. New Business
 - A. New Stormwater Coordinator – Lori Saal. Lori introduced herself and discussed her background.
 - B. One Year Down the Drain: Turkey Creek - This is a way to improve the Adopt-a-Stream program. Instead of having groups assigned to locations this program would have groups of volunteers that we can call up to target areas that need the most help. Joseph said that there have been two cleanups so far. He has had several contacts including professors that are interested. He has also used the Stormwater Matters Facebook page to help with promotion. The second most recent cleanup had a photographer and a speaker. The speaker talked about household hazardous waste and the proper disposal of medications. Trying to build up a volunteer base and have people sign up for this program. All of the trash that is picked up is supposed to be taken to the Outdoor Classroom for an art project.

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C. Outdoor Classroom Update

- i) Artistic Cistern Project – It is still ongoing, although the artist is almost done. There was a tent over the project, but a bad storm blew it away so now there is just a tarp. He is trying to finish next week. Once he is done there will be an interpretive sign. An extension was asked for on the grant.
- ii) OC Garden Grant and Future Project Ideas – It is a \$2,000 grant for an edible garden and composting. It had to be planted in August. Joseph had Girl Scouts come in and help out. They are even planting during the winter. Joseph said that a total of six Girl Scouts worked in order to earn their silver badge. They are harvesting and giving the food to a food bank. Lori said that there will be more plants in the spring and drip irrigation and an inset barrier will be installed. Joseph said that one Boy Scout built two ADA compliant planters. The compost bin is three sections and very well built. Joe asked if there were any other projects in mind. Joseph would like to grow mushrooms; it would need a shaded area. Joseph said that he would like Joe to look for Boy Scouts interested in this project. Joe said that it would be helpful to see a picture. Ken asked if it would be a netted or hard roof and what would the logs be lying on. Joseph said milk crates work well.

D. Charter language amendment – Violet suggested changing the word practicing in practicing landscape architect, nursery professional, etc. to experienced in order to include retired persons. Everyone is going to give Ed their input and he will send out a recommendation at the next meeting.

E. The guest, Nicholas St. Sauveur, is an arborist and is on a Knoxville tree board.

F. Lori said in regards to NPDES, many of them went to a TDEC recommended training.

- 4. Confirm date of next meeting – The next meeting will be the second Thursday in December 10, at 3:30pm.
- 5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

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