



Clarke County Litter Committee

Meeting Notes (no quorum)

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 5:30PM

Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	X
Tom Bauhan	✓ ^E
Mary Martin	✓
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	X

E – Denotes electronic attendance

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Feaga (Preservation Planner / GIS Coordinator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison)

Call to Order: There was no quorum for today’s meeting.

Planning, Engagement, and Scheduling in 2023

Mr. Keim noted the “2023 thinking ahead” list and asked if Staff could provide a list of what the committee has accomplished thus far for the first committee write up in the Clarke Monthly. Mr. Feaga said he would combine the meeting minutes and provide the information to Mr. Keim.

2023 Litter Grant Award

Mr. Bahaun asked about the \$11,000 grant to be spent within the next five-to-six months. Mr. Feaga responded that \$9,570 has been approved by the county but that only around \$4,000 has been released thus far. Mr. Feaga mentioned that \$9,570 is what Staff considers the same general fund that the committee had last year and noted that some of the funds help maintain the recycling within the County such as Chet Hobert park. He said the funds are also to be used for new equipment, signage, and clean up events and that \$1,429 is to be used for the EPS campaign.

EPS campaign

Mr. Bahaun said he would try to make some headway on the EPS campaign by looking at some of the counties in Maryland that have already started this project. Mr. Feaga suggested that the committee look at providing some samples along with an informational letter to local business owners as a start to the project. He said if any of the business owners seem moderately interested in the program, to proceed to reach out and provide them with additional information and samples.

Pick Up Opportunity (Gregg Property)

Mr. Feaga explained that a Clarke County resident recently asked if Staff could offer ideas on ridding their property of debris left by the previous owner. Mr. Feaga went onsite and noted three oil tanks, oil drums, and various contractor debris. Mr. Feaga provided the current owner with a contact to have the oil drums pumped out and said after that is complete, that he would approach the Litter Committee about the remainder of the debris. He said it seems within the rules of the DEQ litter grant as long as there are volunteers involved. He noted the property owner’s neighbors are volunteering their time to help and that he plans to monitor the event himself. He continued that the litter grant funds could potentially help with the dumpster costs should the committee approve the project. Mr. Keim asked if Staff could find out the


cost per dumpster to which Mr. Feaga said he thought it was \$700 per dumpster last time he looked at costs for a river cleanup. If the committee decides to approve this, he suggests that a specific amount be approved ahead of time to be paid directly to the vendor and the property owner would pay the difference and coordinate volunteers.

Signage

Mr. Feaga said the majority of the litter grant funds will most likely be spent on signage and suggested the Litter Committee place the sign order before specific locations are known. Ms. Maddox asked if anyone had seen the "do not litter" signs around White Post or Millwood and Mr. Bass responded that he would prefer if there were different or even multiple slogans such as "Keep Clarke Clean" and perhaps a separate sign for the river. With regards to soliciting input for the design, the committee discussed involving students in some type of Earth Day competition. Mr. Bass said he would email the schools and ask their thoughts on the competition.

Adopt A Road

Mr. Bass heard that Sulphur Springs Road may already have litter pick up attendants. Mr. Feaga said VDOT confirmed that the roads the Litter Committee inquired about are available including Salem Church Road and Opequon Road. The Litter Committee now needs to submit their application to get the process started.



Kristina Maddox (Clerk)