

Minutes Oct 13, 2020
Governmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Called to order at 2 p.m. Members absent Tom McCrystal, John Baucom and POA Liaison Pat White. Public present HOA member Dennis Daugherty

Minutes from Sept 22, 2020 were approved with one edit to note the Property Assessor was for Loudon County. Dennis questioned minutes availability online and discussion was held for Pat White to be in attendance.

Pat White arrived approx. 2:15 p.m.

Committee discussed the comments received stemming from the candidate preview of Burchett and Hoyos. There were comments from six members of the public. They will be used as a critiquing process for the next time we handle candidates. While it was felt that the noted comments were to be helpful, the feedback brought forth how it could be misunderstood. Chairman had responded to all emails thanking them for the feedback and perspective.

Chairman asked clarification of minutes online. Minutes of open meetings are to be sent to Amanda in marketing to be posted on our committee page. Executive session/workshop minutes are kept but not published.

Get out the vote mail drop completed, kudos and thanks to Tom Lee who handled the bulk of this for the committee. Many positive comments.

No report on the volunteer hours due to the absence of Tom McCrystal and John Baucom.

Discussion on the new Asian Carp Commission and our efforts to have TV and this district represented. Letters to support the applicant Dr. Sally Leophold's have been sent by WATeR, POA board and our committee to Rep. Russell, and Cong. Burchett. Both were incredibly pleased to have such a strong candidate to recommend be appointed and will be contacting Lt. Gov McNally and Gov Lee to do so. Dennis Dougherty asked if it would be appropriate for HOA to send a letter and we responded yes copying him on the executive order creating the commission and Dr. Sally Leopholds resume.

An update was given regarding a traffic light at Hwy 321 and City Park Drive. Cong. Burchett has approached Fed DOT requesting any available funding. It is now in the hands of their Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) which deals with funding projects.

The public meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.