

Amended 12/20/16
Minutes of the 838th Meeting
“Celebrating Over 60 Years of Continuous Environmental Excellence”
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15th, 2016

On Tuesday, November 15th, at 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) Board of Directors was held at Alexandria Renew Enterprises in the Ed Semonian Board Room at 1800 Limerick Street with the following present:

Members: Mr. John Hill, Chair
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Vice Chair
Mr. William Dickinson, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Van Wagner, Member
Mr. James Beall, Member

Staff: Ms. Karen Pallansch, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Lisa Van Riper, Chief of Enterprise Communications
Mr. Sean Stephan, Chief of Sustainability
Mr. Charlie Logue, Chief of Production
Ms. Lisa Reynolds, Chief of Engineering and Planning
Mr. Robert Oshode, Controller
Mr. Hans Bailey, Senior Customer Service Manager
Ms. Lorna Huff, Secretary to the Board

Fairfax County Representative: Mr. Shahram Mohsenin, Branch Chief
Fairfax County Wastewater Planning & Monitoring Division

City Representative: Mr. Lalit Sharma, Division Chief
Office of Environmental Quality

Counsel: Mr. Jonathan Rak, McGuireWoods, LLP

Presenters: Mr. Jesse Mains, Division Chief
T&ES, Stormwater Management

Dr. Chris Jones, George Mason University

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chairman reviewed the changes to the mailed agenda and requested a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Dickinson moved and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

Educational Discussion – Stormwater Fees

The Chairman recognized Ms. Pallansch who introduced Mr. Jesse Maines of the City of Alexandria. Mr. Maines reviewed the City of Alexandria’s proposed stormwater management fees. Based on federal and state mandates to clean up and reduce Alexandria’s stormwater runoff, City Council directed staff to set up a dedicated source of funding to accomplish this. The three-phase project began in 2013 and runs through 2028.

By that time, the City expects a 100% reduction in TMDLs for over 2,000 acres of impervious surfaces. City staff has recommended that currently untaxed properties be required to pay the stormwater fee. To be as equitable as possible, the fee structure is tiered based on non-residential and residential structures' impervious surfaces. The fee will be invoiced within the real estate tax bill. Residents and commercial properties can receive credits to reduce a portion of the fee through the installation of rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs, wet ponds and the use of permeable pavers. Board members asked questions on the location of the acreage that is covered, how much is public and private, does the fee apply to federal property, and whether the fees go away with the completion of the stormwater system. Members discussed the burden the new fees could put on not for profit agencies that were not previously taxed.

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman thanked Mr. Maines for his time.

LTCPU Update

The Chairman recognized Mr. Sharma who updated the Board on the Long Term Control Plan Update (LTCPU).

Educational Discussion – Ecological Study of Hunting Creek

The Chairman recognized Dr. Chris Jones, the project lead on the Hunting Creek Study. Dr. Jones described the study setting and the area of the Potomac that comprises Hunting Creek. The Hunting Creek Study was modeled after a 30-year Gunston Cove Study. The goals were to assess the status and long-term trends in water quality and biological resources in tidal Hunting Creek and its tributaries. The study addresses potential water quality concerns including fecal contamination, eutrophication, poor water clarity, and organic micro-pollutants.

Dr. Jones further reviewed the study design and water quality sampling. Board members inquired about the types of fish in the creek and if Dr. Jones had areas of specific concern. Dr. Jones reported that PCB levels were elevated. He reported that species indicators on the health of Hunting Creek showed mixed results. There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman thanked Dr. Jones for his time.

Board Reports

A. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

B. Vice Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

C. Finance Committee

Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee received the report and recommendations from Grant Thornton for AlexRenew. The Committee will meet again to receive staff input and the results will be reviewed by the full Board.

D. Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

The Chairman moved to the CEO Reports and Recommendations.

CEO's Reports and Recommendations

A. Consideration of October 2016 Financial Report

Mr. Hill requested comments or questions on the October financial report. Ms. Pallansch reported that FY 2016 financials are being finalized. Staff will produce a year-end report which will indicate budget vs. actual expenditures.

B. CEO Monthly Report (October)

Ms. Pallansch noted her CEO report and asked if members had questions or comments. There being none, she asked if members would review the 2017 calendar prior to it being finalized. She reported that the Nutrient Management Facility (NMF) received an Envision award. This award is given to industrial projects that are sustainable. The Alexandria Renew NMF is the first project in Virginia to receive this recognition.

Ms. Pallansch reported that AlexRenew will be hosting the NACWA Leadership Retreat and that AlexRenew had previously hosted the Urban Land Institute for a recent meeting. Mr. Hill inquired about meeting participants' responses to the Environmental Center (EC). She reported that meeting participants are responding positively to the new building and meeting spaces. Ms. Pallansch reported on visitor flow through the 1st floor exhibit. Ms. Pallansch noted that the construction on the Zell building is scheduled to begin in the last quarter of 2017.

Mr. Dickinson requested that the social media demographics be presented in a graph format.

Ms. Pallansch reported that Board members should begin consideration of a topic and date for the 2017 Board Retreat.

Mr. Van Wagner commended staff on over 1,000,000 hours without a lost time accident.

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman moved to the Consent Docket.

Consent Docket

Mr. Hill inquired whether members had any questions or comments on the Minutes. There were no questions or comments, Mr. Van Wagner moved approval and Mr. Dickinson provided the second. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Docket which contained:

A. Minutes of the October Board Meeting

There being no further questions, the Chairman moved to Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business

A. None

There being no Unfinished Business, the Chairman moved to New Business.

New Business

A. Closed Session

The Chairman convened a closed session for “Discussion or consideration of real property acquisition for public purposes, or the disposition of publicly held property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body” pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon motion by Van Wagner and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to enter in to a closed session.

The meeting returned to open session and the following certification was unanimously adopted by the members: “Pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of each Member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Act, and (2) only public business matters identified in the motion by which this closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Alexandria Renew Enterprises.” Motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Dickinson. All Members present voted via roll call:

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Van Wagner	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Dickinson	Aye
Mr. Beall	Aye

Members of the Board adopted the following motion: The Board authorized the postponement of the First Extension Payment due to the Authority pursuant to the Development Rights Purchase Agreement between the Authority and Carlyle Plaza, LLC until February 28, 2017 during which times the parties will negotiate a possible amendment to the Agreement. Mr. Johnson moved approval with Mr. Beall providing the second. The Board unanimously approved.

There being no additional questions or comments, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Secretary-Treasurer