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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on the Environment

FROM: Scott Gole, Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture 

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

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The next meeting of the Committee on the Environment will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2018. ***For those that can attend, we will be meeting at the Lake Marion Community Center parking lot (8821 East Village Avenue) at 6:30pm and will walk around the lake to look at the shoreline erosion. We will be back at North Creek Community Center for the regularly scheduled Committee on the Environment meeting by 7:30pm.*** If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me at 301-948-0110, ext. 2336 or by e-mail to [sgole@mvf.org](mailto:sgole@mvf.org).

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## **COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.  
North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road**

### **AGENDA**

1. Residents' Time
2. Call Meeting to Order
3. Chairman's Remarks
4. Review Minutes of Meeting January 10, 2018 – (Enclosure 4)
5. Board Liaison Report
6. New Business
  - a. Recommendation for Committee Chairperson
  - b. Coordination of Annual Goose Count - June 23, 2018
7. Old Business
  - a. Stormwater Management Grant Projects Update
  - b. MVF Recreation and Parks Department Strategic Plan Update
  - c. Lake Marion Shoreline Repair Update
8. Environmental News Updates
  - a. Arbor Day Celebration - Saturday April 21, Noon - 2pm at North Creek Lake
9. Next meeting date – July 11, 2018



**Montgomery Village Foundation**  
**Committee on the Environment**  
**January 10, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Montgomery Village Foundation Committee on the Environment was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the North Creek Community Center, Montgomery Village, MD.

**Members Present**

Claudette Lease, Chairman  
 Nancy Farrar  
 Tim Goodfellow  
 Chris Mead  
 Ed Ohanian  
 Jeannie Pizzonia  
 Mario Salazar  
 Orlow Zumwalt

**Members Absent**

Scott Dyer, Board Liaison  
 Patricia Johnson  
 Tom Vetter

**Others Present**

Scott Gole, MVF Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
 Sarah Albert, Recording Secretary  
 2 residents

**Residents' Time**

Mr. Wilder forwarded a list of recommendations for the Committee's review. The list consisted of recommendations including tree planting, stream buffer protection, walkway cleaning, and the creation of no mow areas. The list also recommended that the Committee on the Environment obtain details of the mowing contract, citing that historically information about mowing had been shared. Mr. Wilder also suggested that that the Committee be more involved in MVF environmental events, particularly ones arranged by the Recreation Committee. Mr. Wilder also recommended continued care of the storm water management and wetlands, including opposing the new storm water pond. Further, Mr. Wilder recommended no trash dumping on the park land and not placing tree and yard cuttings in the stream. He added that the Environmental Committee should be included in the creation of the new park on the former golf

course. He stated that he wanted to see more interaction between the Recreation Committee and the Environment Committee.

Ms. Wilder spoke about the proposed easement near South Valley Park. She recommended that this proposal be studied further. She said that the wildlife made Montgomery Village a unique place to live.

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Ms. Lease, chairman presided. She called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Ms. Lease wished everyone a Happy New Year and that everyone had survived the recent cold snap. She cited the *Montgomery Village News*, where a number of residents were requesting approval for installation of solar panels.

Mr. Salazar recommended that more information about the benefits of solar panels be circulated.

### **Review Minutes of Meeting October 11, 2017**

Ms. Lease asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes.

**Ms. Farrar moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with eight for and one abstention. (Ms. Pizzonia abstained.)**

### **Board Liaison Report**

No report.

### **New Business**

#### **a. MVF Recreation and Parks Department Strategic Plan**

Mr. Gole sent a "Blue Sky" essay project to committee members of how they would describe the Village in the year 2023. He stated that a survey is being created and a link to the survey will be sent directly to committee members and will be published in the newspaper seeking feedback about pools, programs, facilities and parks. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and have about five or six questions per area. The survey results will be used to create a strategic plan.

Ms. Farrar asked that paper copies of the survey be made available.

While no timeline has been finalized, Mr. Gole stated that the intention would for the plan to be finalized during the summer. More information, including seeking committee input,

will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Salazar recommended thinking ahead for more sustainable efforts, such as installing ground cover.

**b. Lake Marion Shoreline Repair**

Mr. Gole described Lake Marion shoreline repair efforts. He explained that the shoreline, particularly on the east side have eroded, and in one location the shoreline is up against the path. The project will be bid out for shoreline repairs.

**Old Business**

**a. Update on Stormwater Management Grant Projects**

Mr. Gole provided an update about the storm water management grant projects. The state of Maryland awarded Ecotone a grant for stream restoration work to be conducted between Montgomery Village Avenue and Wightman Road. The project will likely take one year.

There has not been a decision made at this time as to grants from Montgomery County that are being sought for potential stream restoration projects in South Valley Park and behind North Creek Lake.

**b. Update on Tree Montgomery Plantings at MVF Parks and Facilities**

Mr. Gole explained that Tree Montgomery planted 70-80 trees around Montgomery Village. Four to five trees did not survive, but the trees were reported and replaced this past fall. Two trees that were planted in the picnic area at Lake Whetstone after the dredging project did not survive but were replaced in the fall as well. Additionally, trees were placed around Lake Whetstone and a tree at South Valley.

Mr. Gole stated that the Committee's recommendation regarding the planting of trees at North Creek Lake would be sent to the Montgomery Village Board in January. He added that he is researching the possibility of funding from the Tree Montgomery Program. Mr. Goodfellow stated that there are areas for tree planting around North Creek Lake that the Committee could help identify.

**Environmental News Updates**

Ms. Pizzona stated that the Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L) clean-up day will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting for the Committee on the Environment will be held on April 11, 2018 at North Creek Community Center.

**Adjournment**

**Ms. Pizzona moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.  
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The reports, authorizations and other documents presented at the meeting have been initialed for identification and attached hereto or filed in the Montgomery Village Foundation offices.

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**Sarah Albert  
Recording Secretary**

**MVF Committee on the Environment**

**Results of January 10, 2018 Meeting**

**Motion List**

- 1. Ms. Farrar moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with eight for and one abstention. (Ms. Pizzonia abstained.)**
- 2. Ms. Pizzona moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Action List**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gole will circulate information about the Echo Town grant proposal to the Committee for review.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gole will follow-up about the feasibility of making paper copies of the survey available.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gole will place discussion of Lake Marion shoreline repair on agenda of April meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gole will schedule a walk through at Lake Marion prior to the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.