

Hodgson Brook Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 13, 2006 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM
NH Community Technical College, Pease Campus

In attendance; Peter Britz, Dave Burdick, Doug Deporter, Jennifer Kennedy, Natalie Landry, Dan M., Barbara McMillan, Steve Miller, Julia Peterson, Ann Smith, Sally Soule, and Maria Stowell.

The HBAC reviewed and approved the minutes from the 3-7-06 HBLAC meeting.

Dave updated the HBAB on the results of the 2006 ANMP Annual Clean-up, and discussed the joint meeting with the Creek Neighborhood group.

Jen updated the HBAB about the hiring process for the new Coordinator. There was a very good response to the advertisement and 6 excellent candidates are going to be interviewed for the position. The HBAB congratulated both Jen and Natalie for a job well done in their quick and professional response to filling the position. Jen then reviewed where we are in terms of the grant agreement and went through the project list and discussed the status of each project. These notes are on the back of the meeting agenda sheet. Several projects are near completion such as the LID packets, and some that like the signage issue that need to be resolved, and new board members for the HBAB. Natalie reported that Volunteer interest is increasing. The HBAB was impressed by the list and the number of projects that have been completed.

The HBAB discussed the projects on the list and strategized on how to complete the remaining work. The HBAB discussed the direction and philosophy of the HBAB and the work of the new Coordinator. There was discussion about the past year and the lesson learned from our work and the efforts of the Coordinator. Some of the comments from the HBAB include: impressed by the list of completed projects, concerns in the watershed were seen and the HBAB and Coordinator had to act even though some of these items were not on the project list, we strayed a little but this is part of the process and we have learned by doing so, getting new volunteers involved and getting help with advocacy and administration would be helpful, pollution investigation work may have taken away from other projects but this has been important to better define the issues we are trying to resolve, we should be a reporter of issues and document these, important to speak to the city and help force zoning improvements, we should review the most important things that need to get done, and we should evaluate our efforts and these tools are in the implementation plan. The HBAB looks forward to welcoming the new Coordinator and moving forward with the restoration work.

Other business included sending a thank you to Sherry, PDA transportation effort, the dredging project update, and a Purple Loosetrife update.

The next meeting date was set for Sept. 12, 2006 4:30 to 6:00 pm at NHCTC.

Notes from Advisory Board Discussion in bolded text.

Projects in the Grant Agreement

In progress or completed

1. Hire Coordinator and administer personnel services
2. Provide office space & staff support
3. Water quality & flow monitoring using volunteers
-train volunteers to be advocates for the Brook. Spread awareness about the Brook and ways to protect and restore it.
4. Trash surveys and clean ups
-find a standard model for getting businesses involved.
5. Weed surveys
6. Promote Low Impact Development in new and re-development sites
-in the next few months, submit suggested zoning changes to the City for Site Review and Zoning regulations (letter form with suggested wording). Consider policy subcommittee.
7. Post four signs to identify brook and watershed
8. Outreach (articles, press releases, presentations, website, radio, maps)
9. Stormdrain stenciling
10. Educate homeowners about home and yard practices to protect Brook
-educate Tradeport businesses about fertilizer/pesticide use and water conservation (Maria could help with this).

To be completed

11. Illicit discharge detection surveys
12. Advisory Board membership
-involvement from businesses should be emphasized. Tap into ANMP constituency.
13. Long term funding plan

Activities outside of the Grant Agreement

14. Investigating & reporting pollution sources (e.g., construction site runoff, petroleum slicks)
-note any pollution problems during routine monitoring and report any complaints from citizens to appropriate officials.
15. Review of development proposals
-low priority for Coordinator. Spend time educating city and PDA boards as a first step.
16. Participation in Restoration Projects (e.g., daylighting, dredging)