

Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG)

Monday December 4, 2023, Minutes

Attendance:

Alonso Abugattas (DPR), Jennifer Fioretti (DPR), Ryan Delany (DPR), Caroline Haynes, David Evans, Phil Klingelhofer, Jill Barker, Shruti Gupta, Sarah Baryluk, Joan McIntyre

Meeting at the conclusion of the Planning Meeting where several environmental commissioners were speaking in support of the FNRP (Forestry and Natural Resources Plan) which was unanimously approved 11 – 0.

Land Acquisition – discussion of one-time funding for \$5 million dollars for Land Acquisition which was seen as lost opportunity by the environmental commissioners, as this was one of the main items they supported as part of a letter to the County Board.

Meeting Dates – Discussion of what NRJAG may be doing now after the FNRP is approved. They would like to function as an implementation group meeting quarterly on the second Monday. Deciding dates to meet at next January NRJAG meeting on January 8.

Parks Report – Jill Barker is the new chair. They will have a storm water management focus next year.

C2E2 Report – Joan McIntyre is stepping down from chair and Cindy Lewen is taking over. Bill Eger spoke to them regarding equity and environmental justice as the climate policy officer.

RNRC Report – The final FNRP letter went out regarding the importance of education. They heard from Vincent Verweij regarding oak decline.