

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### Summary Minutes

March 1, 2013

#### Members Present:

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County  
John Snarr, MWCOG  
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
Deborah Campbell, Prince William County  
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County  
Allison Lohrenz, City of Falls Church  
Mike Fairbanks, Loudoun County

#### Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC  
Linda Summerall, NVRC

#### Invited Guests:

Clara Elias, Alice Ferguson Foundation  
Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ

- CALL TO ORDER** Mike Fairbanks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Scott MacDonald moved approval of the minutes of the December 7, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- ALICE FERGUSON FOUNDATION UPDATE** Clara Elias distributed material on litter prevention.
- The Alice Ferguson Foundation holds three outdoor educational programs and sponsors the Trash-free Potomac Watershed Initiative, which is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. The annual Potomac Watershed cleanup began in 1989 and was held at 660 sites in 2012. The Foundation offers education, regulation, enforcement, market-based approaches and policy on litter.
- Ms. Elias stated that Virginia spends \$5 million/year on litter cleanup, adding that litter in water is a public health issue.
- Ms. Elias discussed the Foundation's education methods, its April 6 litter prevention video contest, its trash-free school projects for grades K-12, and the fact that the public and local governments can post clean-up events on the Foundation's website.
- Replying to Mr. Snarr, Ms. Elias said the Foundation has no plans to revise the trash treaty, which has resulted in reduction of litter. Ms. Spiliotopoulos suggested the Foundation reach out to the state parks as the rangers have enforcement powers. Ms. Elias agreed, adding that the Foundation works with the U.S. Park Police.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** DEQ will be responsible for stormwater as of FY 2014. The members discussed having an update on stormwater regulations at their next meeting in June.
- KNOW TOXICS** Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported \$1,650 in sponsorships for the March 19 training workshop. Twenty to thirty registrants are needed to break even, since the registration fee has been reduced this year, adding that she feels the registration fee is too low. Ms. Gratton suggested forming a subcommittee to work on next year's workshop. Ms. Spiliotopoulos noted better marketing to property managers/janitors is needed, and perhaps the subcommittee can address that as well.
- Replying to Mr. Grabowski, Ms. Spiliotopoulos said workshop participants receive CEUs from SWANA, and Covanta is donating "call2recycle" battery boxes.
- The members then discussed bulb crushers.
- WASTE REPORT** Ms. Spiliotopoulos said the report will be distributed within the next few weeks. Mr. Grabowski said that since most jurisdictions' budgets are adopted in April, the report should be due in May in order to include the newly adopted rates.
- LOCAL UPDATES & NEW BUSINESS** Notes are not taken during this session
- ADJOURMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am