

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 8, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on September 8, 2016 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Molly Grigsby, Jessica Spencer, Casey Ferguson, Cheryl Cheadle, Jennifer Owen, and George Kamp. Guests Martin Rooney and David Martinez were also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of August’s Board Minutes: Approved after motion and second.

Treasurer’s Report: Beth reported a balance of \$4,602 as of 09/02/16. One new lifetime member joined the coalition, Becky Bell.

Goal #1: Build a Coalition::

- a. September Newsletter: The board folded and prepared their newsletter for mailing.
- b. Lead-by-Example Clean-Up: The board held a “Good/Improve” review of our Saturday, September 3, 2016, clean-up at King’s Curve. One conclusion was that the clean up would have gotten more attention if it had been held later in the afternoon. There were not many people out when crews were collecting litter. We did have an excellent turnout of workers on a beautiful day and collected much trash along with bags of recyclables. The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday in November 5 at Cooper’s Bridge.
- c. Calendar status: 30 calendars have been ordered at a cost of \$12.20 each.
- d. Community outings: A cliff hike is being offered as an educational outing on October 15. This event is being advertised in the newsletter. SCC board members are welcome to attend as are people from within the watershed. As this is a narrow area, we are limiting the hike to 16 people not including board members.
- e. Community outings: It is time to start planning the creek bus tour for 2017. Jennifer asked that we defer this planning until after the vote November 8 on SQ777.
- f. Facebook ideas for Jessica: The board suggested that Jessica post pictures of the September creek cleanup, advertise the November clean-up, and encourage people to vote NO on SQ 777.
- g. Get more landowners on mailing list: We discussed property owner names and how to get information about SCC to more people within the watershed. Molly described a cell phone app that listed landowners and property locations. Cheryl offered to work with one or more SCC members to check out adding new people to the newsletter list. SCC board members want to ensure that their information is reaching the people who live in, work in, or own land in the Spring Creek watershed.

Goal #2: Science, GIS Mapping Project with TCC: David Martinez provided an update on the Tulsa Community College class that is taking on a GIS mapping project of the Spring Creek watershed. The students are in the process of collecting data and have an interest in also generating new data. They may spend a day at the creek for data gathering. They will give a presentation to the board at the end of the project.

Goal #6: Watershed Wooden Signs: – We discussed a potential location near where Snake Creek Road intersects Hwy 82; Jessica reported that the highway department has plans to widen the shoulders of highway 82 but she did not know the timing of this project. The board encouraged Beth to get permission from the landowner at that location.

Goal #7: Find ways to reduce trash:

- a. GRDA help at Cooper Bridge: Cooper Bridge area received some focus because of large amounts of trash generated and the likelihood of trespassing. Darrell Townsend of GRDA indicated his department's willingness to help with policing this area. The Cave Springs area, watched over by Jennifer, has been successful in getting people to use the trash receptacle, although trash is still also left on the ground. Marcia Robb's family helped clean up the Cave Springs area during our September 3rd clean-up.
- b. More ways to make a difference: SCC is interested in producing canvas bags for using as totes, perhaps particularly for groceries. This would reduce the use of plastic bags and paper bags, and would thus be a push in the right direction for sustainability. Cheryl will check on the possibility of finding a good price to have these made.

Other:

- a. More conversation was held as to the importance of educating voters about State Question 777, sometimes referred to as "right to farm." SCC does not support the proposed law.
- b. Progress on 2016 goals: deferred until our October board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Our next meeting will Thursday, October 13th at 6:15 p.m. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by C. Ferguson, Secretary.