

Friends of Royal Lake (FORL)
Leadership Meeting Notes
For
29 June 2020 Meeting
And
26 August 2020 Meeting
(Both Meetings Virtual due to Covid Crisis)

General List of Attendees at Both Meetings: Paul, Sarah, Greg, Mary Anne, Andy, Suzanne, Shelly, Tom, Frank.

29 June 2020 Meeting Highlights:

- This meeting was really in the height of the pandemic, so most FORL activities were cancelled, but work went forward on the FORL website, newsletter, and tentative projections for possible workdays and projects—taking into careful consideration social distancing, etc.
- We discussed the failing retaining wall, possibility of staining wooden bridges to help them last longer, the Shanes Creek Restoration Project, erosion, and a number of communications with Ed Richardson.
- While it appears a lot of the 2020 Bond money will go to saving Lake Accotink, we will continue to advocate for the replacement of our largest and most un-sound bridge/Rabbit Branch Creek.

26 August Highlights:

- Discussed priorities for our next projects, possibly including repairing erosion or replacing plastic pipes
- Need for social distancing and hand cleaners at our workdays
- Further discussion about leaning/collapsing retaining wall—Is Ed aware?
- We will send Ed a picture of the tree that fell across Rabbit Branch—acting as a dam of sorts.
- Dog waste stations will be installed when soil conditions permit.
- Walter was promoted and will not be working with us on FORL issues in his new job
- Grass should be planted soon where the junipers used to be.
- Discussion of final touches on FORL website
 - o Many thanks to Shelley for all her great work on the website
- Newsletter—end of month September inputs due...Frank will write article on fish/fishing in Royal Lake
- Memorial Bench—what is the process for a resident to sponsor one of these? A resident asked Frank about this. Paul will talk to Ed and get details on this to Frank to provide to the resident. Andy has an idea where we might put a new bench.
- Paul is member of Community-Wide Energy & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) group, and encourages everyone to complete the CECAP survey, which will be online until 13 September.

- Greg continues to work with the Shanes Creek Restoration folks in the County. Ground-breaking should be around summer 2021. Paul is also talking to the project POC—Megan Fellows. Greg may do an article on the project for our winter 2021 FORL newsletter.
- A new director of planning & development will replace Dave Bowden on 1 Sep.
- Discussion of how we approach unauthorized activities in our park. We should let Ed know about the issue, have a single POC for FORL if possible—we've built great credibility with FCPA, so we need to be judicious in our communications with them. The FCPA phone number for issues is 703 324 8591.

Note from the Note-taker: The Parks & Lake Cleanup is now scheduled for Saturday, October 17th.

Frank Cumberland
Notationist
10 September 2020