



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Booker Creek Working Group Meeting Notes

Chair John Morris
Chair Pamela Schultz
Vice-Chair Jeanette Bench
Doug Frederick
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Shugong Wang

Noel Myers (absent)
Chad Pickens
Miguel Rojas Sotelo
Michael Dupree
Louie Rivers

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

1 Welcome

Councilmember Amy Ryan welcomed the group with the following opening questions to guide discussion from Mayor Pam Hemminger:

- Where is it flooding in our community and by how much? (in layman's terms - 6 inches, etc) how many homes, streets & businesses?
- What ideas can help reduce flooding during big storm events - and by how much?
- How to get the community engaged on their own properties with stormwater reduction
- How long do you think it will take to come back with short term & long term ideas?
- Who is not at the table and what expertise are you still needing?
- What role do our existing bottomland forests play in mitigating large stormwater events?

2 Introductions

Working group members introduced themselves with a description of what brought them to the group. Support and staff introduced themselves with their role.

3 Consider the Group Norms

The Group discussed the following ground rules.

To promote a productive and effective group culture, the following ground rules are proposed:

- Begin and adjourn on time
- One speaker at a time
- Listen for understanding
- Say what you need to say while making room for others to say what they need to say
- Embrace a learning mindset
- Be mindful of assumptions & ask questions
- It is OK to disagree...please do so respectfully
- Share your own story and respect the stories of others

The group discussed adding being goal- or action-oriented during the meetings. They also discussed possible key deliverables, such as a final report. The working group will need to determine how they would like to engage with the public

4 Listening Round: Values & Desired Outcomes

The group wrote out feedback on a [Google Jamboard](#) to address the following questions:

- What is a value that you want to hold onto in this conversation?
- What are 1-2 outcomes you would like to see this Working Group accomplish?

5 Identifying a Chair & Co-Chair for the Group

The group identified John Morris and Pamela Schultz as co-chairs and Jeanette Bench as the vice-chair. Maggie Chotas, of the Dispute Settlement Center, will facilitate future meetings. The chairs will present updates to Council, starting with the October 20th work session. The Chairs will also work on future meeting agendas.

6 Next Steps

The group discussed when to meet next. Staff will send out a Doodle poll to identify group availability.

7 Public Input

Two residents provided [comments](#) to the group.