

Riverwalk Expansion Special Committee
Thursday, November 30, 2023
Occoquan Town Hall
Meeting Summary

Attendees: Nancy Brinton, Theo Daubresse, Cindy Fithian, Adam Linn, Jenn Loges, Bob Love, Eliot Perkins, Earnie Porta, Nick Roper, Matt Whitmoyer.

Chair Earnie Porta called the meeting to order at 5:00, had committee members introduced, and briefly reviewed both the purpose of the special committee and the relevant FOIA-related rules.

The chair suggested that committee members review both the Berkely Group report and the Planning Commission slides, taking whatever value from them that they believe is warranted. He advised members, however, not to feel constrained by either document. Planning Commission slides, he indicated, will be used as a starting point for committee discussions.

The committee discussed a basic timeline for the committee's work and focused much of its discussion on the rationale (or business case) for expansion of the riverwalk and the relationship of that rationale to a Riverwalk vision and/or Riverwalk options (e.g., do nothing, "standard," and "enhanced"). Councilmember Perkins was charged with elaborating at the next meeting on the attributes of a riverwalk that would reflect the objectives outlined in the Planning Commission's "Business Case" slide.

Among other things at the next meeting, it is also anticipated that committee member Roper may be able to walk the group through a rudimentary costs analysis as well as describe the process associated with a potential source of government funding.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05.