

HNA Watershed Committee Meeting Minutes
5/25/19, 10 AM-Noon
Food Front Cooperative Grocery
6344 SW Capitol Hwy

Attendees:

Andrea Wall, chairperson
Joan Hamilton
Tim Hamilton

Please Note: This committee does not have board authority to make decisions. The following has not been approved by the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and should be read as suggestions rather than new policy. For any decisions to be made, the Board of Directors will need to meet in an open forum as described in the HNA bylaws.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joan Hamilton.

Topic #1 Committee Values

Appreciation and protection through education and advocacy for green spaces still existing in Hillsdale that can help provide clean air, prevent erosion, manage storm water run-off and cool and filter water before it enters creeks and streams. These green spaces also provide habitat for wildlife and places in the City for people to interact with nature.

Topic #2 Website Blurb

"When we create cities, we enhance storm water run-off, and climate change has amplified these effects. Storm water run-off is one of the key impacts that humans are having on this planet." From Temple University Magazine, Spring 2019

Through education, advocacy, grant funding, and volunteer work groups, green spaces can be saved and restored to provide habitat for wildlife, manage storm water run-off and clean and filter water before it enters creeks and streams. Green spaces also educate people about the importance of being in nature in the City.

Topic #3 Short term goals (18 months or less)

The chairperson of this committee will form a non-profit corporation that can be the proposing entity for grants to help protect and restore habitat in green spaces and educate the people of Hillsdale of its existence and mission. The projects in process can become urban demonstration projects for those with similar storm water issues on their own properties or gravel roads.

Topic #4 Long term goals (5-10 years)

Complete 2-3 urban demonstration projects in Hillsdale that can educate the people about storm-water management, habitat restoration and the importance of maintaining such green spaces into perpetuity. Provide information and resources to the people of Hillsdale so that they can accomplish the same types of projects in their own yards and neighborhoods.

Submitted by Andrea Wall, HNA Liaison to the SWNI Watershed Committee