

**askHRgreen.org | FOG Education Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**  
**Newport News Public Works**

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The summary for the meeting is as follows:

**1. Meeting Summary**

The June meeting summary was reviewed and approved.

**ACTION:** Meeting summary approved.

**2. askHRgreen.org Events**

8/9	TGIF Summer Concert Series	Suffolk
9/12	Isle of Wight County Fair	Windsor
9/28	Bow Creek Block Party	Virginia Beach
10/5	<i>Autumn Fest/Arbor Day Celebration*</i>	<i>Chesapeake</i>
10/10 - 10/13	Peanut Festival	Suffolk
10/12	Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival	Virginia Beach

Volunteers are needed for Autumn Fest in Chesapeake and Lynnhaven River Now Fall festival.

*Trailer repairs update* - Wrap and repairs are now complete. Electrical issue on the trailer is being diagnosed by Suffolk Public Utilities but may need further assistance from Superior Trailer.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will work with SPU to correct electrical issue on the askHRgreen trailer.

**3. Brochures & Printed Materials**

The following materials are on order: 5,000 sink strainers, 2,500 can lids, and 5,000 reusable bags. Yellow grease rack cards and BMP brochures are available for pickup.

The Committee did not have any additional print or promotional material needs at this time.

**Action:** None.

**4. Website Development Initiatives**

HRPDC staff reviewed the FY20 task list. Top priorities include correcting report time out errors, the ability to add a business listing during profile creation, and continued development for fully responsive mobile design.

Please report website issues to HRPDC staff as they arise.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will continue to work on website enhancements.

## 5. FOG MOA

HRPDC staff provided an update on the status of the FOG MOA. The finalized document has been presented to the Directors of Utilities and accepted. No localities have signed off on the MOA yet because action by the city manager and council is required. This process will take some time so HRPDC staff will check in regularly with DUCs at their monthly meeting to stay on top of the approval process.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will work with Directors of Utilities to get approvals for the FOG MOA.

## 6. Roundtable

- Chesapeake - FOG Inspector position now closed. 30 applications applied for the two open positions.
- James City County – CCTV helped diagnose grease issue at shopping center where restaurants were blaming each other for stoppages. Presented with the evidence was coming from a particular establishment the offending business agreed to install a second grease trap.
- Interceptor deaths – Another report of a child falling into a grease interceptor was recently reported (nationally). A similar incident occurred in 2017. Plastic interceptor lids are at fault. Norfolk indicated that they do not allow plastic lids. Other localities were encouraged to find and require replacement for these unsafe lids.
- Newport News – Interviews underway for open FOG inspector position
- Norfolk – migrating to Lucidity program for FOG inspection management, indirect connections - Norfolk Health Department has authority to review plans and enforce sizing while plumbing inspectors ensure it is done correctly. Norfolk has improved the process by tracking via permit number. LaMonte will provide VDH response but VDH policies differ by locality (i.e. some are involved with inspections and others have no involvement). Sewer lateral replacement along Granby Street, working on certifications for mall food court, attending restaurant association meetings on a regular basis for networking and presentations, microgrants through EDA to assist with FOG maintenance, inquired about shadowing other localities on inspections.
- Best management practices video – The Committee discussed the need for a video to use in food handlers training and on the website. Norfolk may be able to assist with the production.
- FOG Institute Training Opportunity – sent out by Amanda Albright, \$135 for all modules
- Forrest Sewer Federal Investigation –plea agreement reached after owner passed away leaving the company under new ownership.
- Food trucks – The Committee discussed food truck compliance and inspecting commissary locations. Breweries have BMP with HRSD but it does not include food truck considerations, commissaries may not have the right sized trap/interceptor, check cleanouts at commissary to look for illegal dumping.
- Community kitchens – The Committee also discussed emerging “community kitchens” where business owners rent space in commercial kitchens. Business owner would be responsible for grease trap maintenance but determining the appropriate trap size

would be a challenge since the type of food prepared would differ by renter/temporary users.

**Action:** None

## **7. Staff Reports**

*Budget* - FY20 budget was reviewed. HRPDC staff recommended establishing a reserve fund for trailer replacement at \$500 per year. Carryover number from FY19 is not yet finalized.

*Digital Marketing Report* - HRPDC staff provided an overview of June's digital marketing report.

**Action:** None

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Chesapeake.