

7. Staff Reports

Budget – The current FY20 budget was reviewed. The Committee discussed the draft FY21 budget provided by HRPDC staff.

- There was no increase to the Committee budget in the FY21 draft budget.
- There was a proposed increase to the locality contributions due to a reduced contribution from the reserve fund. Reserve funds totaling \$19,000 were used to offset locality contributions in FY20. The draft FY21 budget reduces the reserve contribution to \$8,000. HRPDC recommended slowly reducing the reserve fund contribution to prevent a large spike in locality contribution when the reserve fund is exhausted.
- Fleta Jackson expressed concern for the \$1,466 increase in Norfolk's contribution to the Committee budget and requested additional time to determine if this money could be found in the Keep Norfolk Beautiful budget.
- The Committee discussed creating a community development pilot grant program to assist neighborhoods with placemaking projects that will discourage litter. This program would help bring Committee projects more in line with the priorities of Keep Norfolk Beautiful.

Annual Report – HRPDC staff are preparing the FY19 Annual Report and will share the report along with the Mini Grant outcomes in September.

Action: Localities should have a vote on the FY21 budget for the September meeting.

8. Roundtable

- SPSA – Chesapeake recycling event scheduled for Sept. 7th in Western Branch
- York – School recycling outreach, public communications regarding recycling contract changes, researching alternatives to the TREX recycling program.
- Gloucester – Elisabeth Wilkins has replaced Leslie Bowie with the Gloucester Clean County Commission and will be reaching out to Committee members for guidance on projects, etc.
- James City County – public communications regarding recycling contract changes, good neighbor grants, Clean Business Forum
- Suffolk – LJ Hansen is the new Public Works Director, recycling contract is out for bids, cleanups planned, focused on growing social media following, Keep Suffolk Beautiful 2020 photo calendar, Wayne will be out of office for 10 weeks but will be checking in periodically through email
- Norfolk – painting trash cans, community cleanups and placemaking initiatives, ICC cleanups, increasing social media presence, scavenger hunt for Lafayette Park trash cans, pop up recycling events, 12 reuses of holidays with how to videos and holiday craft workshop
- Portsmouth – National Night Out outreach, radio interview with 88.1 with shout outs for the regional program, back to school pep rally and parade, recycling coordinator position open, recycling event planned for end of summer.

Next Committee Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is September 10, 2019 in Chesapeake. The All Hands Meeting is scheduled for September 17th at noon at HRPDC. Please RSVP and include any dietary restrictions at your earliest convenience.