

Neighbors of Northwest Branch  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
June 1, 2021

1. Welcome:  
Present on Zoom: Board members Anne Ambler, Kem Morawski, James Graham, Rebecca Henson, Julie Ufford Keenahan, and FOSC liaison Ed Murtagh.
2. No Treasurer's report this month.
3. Water monitoring at Burnt Mills.  
Anne Ambler and Janice Johnson did the water monitoring at Burnt Mills on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. Proposed Rachel Carson Museum at Burnt Mills.  
Rebecca wrote a short survey about Rachel Carson. It will be interesting to see what people know about her, and the survey could be useful for showing to Montgomery County Parks with an eye to educating the public re Carson and environmental issues, as well as to be referenced re fundraising. Rebecca filed the paper work to incorporate as a 501 c3 in the state of Maryland. She has created the website [www.rcpow.org](http://www.rcpow.org) about this project. Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) said it would support the project. We agreed that NNWB will write a letter of support as well, although we will wait until the 501 3c is established. Rebecca and Anne will draft letter. Rebecca has done a lot of work and research and has talked to many people, including Council President Tom Hucker, who supports the project, the head of Montgomery County Parks Mike Riley, The Rachel Carson Landmark Alliance, an architect, and a museum designer.
5. ANS State of the Streams project: we are participating. First virtual meeting June 7, 3 – 4:30. Anne, James and Kem to attend.
6. Summer activities to engage more people? Hike? Rachel Carson hike to house? Boat trip with AWS on the Anacostia? Something to encourage downstream folks to explore upstream and vice versa?

Anne is to look into a boat trip on the Anacostia for either July or August—she will contact Anacostia Watershed Society.

Rebecca talked to Diana of the Rachel Carson Landmark Alliance and they will not be opening up the house to the public until probably October, so no hike there this summer. James will look into potential hikes for July or August. A few different hikes were discussed, including Burnt Mills to Adelphi Mill which is 3.7 miles.

Julie suggested surveying our members to see what kind of programs they would interest them. She volunteered to write the survey and we will send it out after Board input.

7. Julie looked into reaching out to two Piscataway tribes, but they are just coming out of the covid epidemic, so they are busy with that. She will keep checking back.
8. Meetings to end of 2021: no July, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7.