

CLUA General Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Rising Sun Public Library

Members Present: Julia Belknap, John Bolinski, Ron Hartman, Charles Herzog, George Kaplan, Rupert Rossetti, Nancy Valentine

Guests: Martina L. Moore, Melanie Ryan, Kordell Wilen

Rupert introduced Richard Klein with background in MD Department of Natural Resources – Save-Our-Streams. Richard then shared with us the work he is doing in educating business and public on the changing requirements in Environmental Site Design taking place in MD. He then asked the audience to introduce themselves and solicited their expectations.

Richard G. Klein presented information on Environmental Site Design and the importance of using the right approach for new development and for re-development where the size of impact area is pivotal to successful development. For full presentation including speaker notes see ESD Overview and Equitable Solutions at: <http://ceds.org/index.html>

Another key take-away was Richard's emphasis on finding equitable solutions by using early involvement of all stakeholders; particularly those near a site being designed or re-developed. He stressed that closest neighbors are most likely to work on a solution. He also noted the importance of "enviro-influentials" to provide expertise and organization. Richard is a convert to community participation rather than legal action as the most productive solution.

Among best practices that CLUA may want to pursue is to make a Community Involvement Meeting requirement as part of the approval process for all concept plans for more than five lots.

Richard completed his presentation at 7:30 and continued with questions until 7:45.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Valentine