Public Outreach and Engagement Meeting Minutes

Started the meeting about 2:05 pm; martha read the opening statement and reviewed general overview of the agenda and goals for the meeting

---Kristen Larson joined the meeting at about 2:20

Item 2b: agreed by consensus to move the procedures document to the Commission with recommendation to approve; materials for the meeting should include the background memo, procedures document, opening statement template and the guidance document for GoToMeeting.

Item 2c: directed staff to get legal opinion regarding free speech and social media policies (guidelines) specifically around our ability to actually remove content. Follow guidance from E Gregory and bring back to the committee.

Item 3b: directed staff to move forward with commissioner matching and invitation to do virtual (or in person) Commissioner orientation sessions.

Item 3c: Martha reviewed staff capacity needs to continue public outreach objectives and options given current/future economic conditions. Nordvig offered to assist with preparing for this discussion. Larson raised concern for sustainability for new positions right now.

Kristen Larson left the meeting at about 3:02 pm

Item 3a: Sidd reviewed the profile; was directed to proceed with this effort to highlight staff members and commissioners on social media and website.

Item 2: Sidd provided updates on current initiatives

1. **ConnectRVA2045** - We have begun the next phase in LRTP. Our public input period ended on April 15th and we are now collecting all the data.

2. **Donttrashentralva** - Due to COVID-19, we decided to shift the focus of outdoor activities surrounding picking up litter and focus on facts about litter and how this Pandemic has an effect to the cause. Examples such as medical gloves being thrown on the ground. Larry brought up a pointed out that in rural areas trash pick up is not frequent and it collects causing to increase litter in the area.

Next Steps: Meet in May; priorities MUST be on outreach to new members and continuing to promote our work in the public during this time.