

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Karen L. Merkle, Chair Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair Tuesday, August 14, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Cynthia M. Parr Chief, Administrative Services 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p>
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Members Present:	Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair Sher Horosko Kim Petry Dan Andrews Jim Johnson Christopher Spaur	Members Absent:	Karen Merkle David Pyatt Brian Rhoten
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County Government: Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
 Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC
 Terri Jones, Esquire, Deputy County Attorney
 Mike Evans, Director of Public Works
 Vinnie Legge, Bureau Chief, Solid Waste
 Sheree Lima, Financial Advisor, DPW

Other Attendees:

Gregor Becker, Sierra Club Gene Hejmanowski, Environmental Director, Penn Township, Hanover, PA Cody Saville, CLSI Mary Kowalski, resident Cheryl Wilhelm, resident Ted Godfrey, citizen Rebekah Orenstein, resident Tim Richards, Citizens for a Green Mt. Airy	Charles Zeleski, CCHD Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council Kimberly A. Stenley, resident Tracy Davis, resident Carol Linden, resident Amy Andrews, resident Nancy Frick, resident
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CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair, officially called the meeting to order, in Ms. Karen Merkle’s absence, at 3:02 P.M. Ms. Gilden then asked for approval of the July 10, 2007, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION NO. 18-07: Motion was made by Sher Horosko, and seconded by Dan Andrews, to approve the July 10, 2007, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

OPEN FORUM – 1) Tim Richards, Citizens for a Green Mount Airy reported that the Alternative Energy Workshop held on Saturday, August 11, 2007, was attended by 40 people. He announced that Dr. Paul Connett will be speaking on incineration at Hood College on August 28, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Whitaker Campus Center. He encouraged those in attendance to become a part of a group or project to assist in the environmental concerns before us.

2) Kim Stenley, resident thanked the EAC for taking time to investigate the Waste Management paradigm and being pro-active. Ms. Stenley presented ways to successfully divert waste with high attainable goals, within reach for the EAC to consider.

3) Ms. Rebekah Orenstein announced she sent a letter to Ms. Cindy Parr inviting the EAC to an airport citizen tour. Ms. Orenstein is concerned about pollution, noise, groundwater, etc. if the airport expansion goes through. Ms. Orenstein later commented she would take the blackish residue to the FAA if assistance locally and at the state level was not given.

Ms. Horosko advised Ms. Orenstein the EAC will likely be asked to review the expected 2009 completion of the Environmental Site Assessment and will begin receiving briefings this fall, as the assessment is planned and conducted.

- 4) Mary Kowalski shared her concerns on various topics including the types of waste studies to obtain good results, potential fuel dumping, waste incineration, and the urgent need for follow-up on these issues. Ms. Kowalski spoke to Mr. Charles Zeleski, CCHD, regarding the blackish residue found on sidewalks and rooftops in the Sullivan Road area.

Mr. Zeleski reported the CCHD is investigating this matter and has spoken to MDE since speaking to Ms. Kowalski yesterday. Mr. Zeleski indicated that fuel dumping is only allowed in an emergency, i.e. fire, loss of hydraulics, etc. He stated large corporate jets and prop aircraft do not have this capability but small corporate jets do. MDE researched fuel dumping at BWI and found there is really no good way to test residues and depending on the altitude, fuel components would never volatilize before reaching the ground. Such stains on roofs and sidewalks have also been found where there is no airport nearby and MDE concluded that what is being seen is soot and mold. CCHD feels the black residue is from other causes and not jet fuel, but will continue to look into the matter and keep the EAC updated.

- 5) Mr. Nancy Frick shared pictures of black residue on roofs and sidewalks with the EAC taken 2 ½ years ago and 4 ½ months ago.

Acting Chair Gilden thanked the residents for coming and stated the Council does appreciate their comments.

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gregor Becker, of the Sierra Club, assisted by Ms. Cheryl Wilhelm, showed a powerpoint presentation on the U.S. Mayor’s Agreement on Global Warming and shared information on Maryland counties and municipalities that have already signed or are considering signing this agreement. Mr. Becker thanked the EAC for their time, as did Ms. Wilhelm. A copy of Ms. Wilhelm’s comments was mailed to the EAC members and are a part of these minutes.

Discussion and questions by the EAC followed ending in a motion. Ms. Horosko then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews.

Motion No. 19-07: Recommend to Board of Commissioners that we become a Cool County and adopt, as a County, the Cool Counties *Agreement*, and commission a group composed of members of the EAC and the private community to undertake an inventory and deliver short- and long-range strategies to fulfill our part in reversing climate change.

The following motion, proposed by Ms. Horosko and amended by Dan Andrews, passed unanimously.

Motion No. 19A-07: Recommend to Board of Commissioners that we become a Cool County and adopt, as a County, the Cool Counties *Climate Stabilization Declaration*, and commission a group composed of members of the EAC and the private community to undertake an inventory and deliver short- and long-range strategies to fulfill our part in reversing climate change.

Waste Management

“PAY PER THROW” program: Mr. Gene Hejmanowski, Environmental Compliance Officer, Penn Township, Hanover, PA spoke to the EAC about their “Pay Per Throw” program. Mr. Hejmanowski shared the program successes over the past 15 years, of utilizing trash bags, sold at 14 township businesses for \$3.00 each, to hold a maximum 40 pounds, along with their mandatory recycling, policing to the letter of the law, quarterly newsletters and public education which has led to a self-sufficient and profitable program.

Accomplishments include 1.8 million dollars in reserves paying four (4) salaries, a 46% recycling rate with 80% participation; and going from 3,900 tons landfilled from a 8,900 population of 3,900 homes in 1991 to 2,800 tons landfilled from a 17,000 population of 6,015 homes in 2006. Rewards to residents are added free services such as tree & limb pickup, tires, Christmas gift wrapping and tree pickup, as well as textiles, greeting cards, hearing aids, eyeglasses, paper, and cardboard drop off.

Mr. Hejmanowski’s presentation was followed by questions and discussion ending in Mr. Andrews commendable compliment to Penn Township and Mr. Hejmanowski’s efforts.

“RECYCLING”: Mr. Mike Evans, Director of the Department of Public Works distributed information to the EAC, as requested at a previous meeting, on the two (2) composition studies done by Montgomery County and the State of Delaware, the County’s recycling percentages, a report by Mr. Neil Seldman and all correspondence regarding the May 8, 2007 Motion No. 09-07, requesting the Board of Commissioners to hire a firm to conduct a Resource Assessment.

Mr. Evans covered the contents of the handouts and included a presentation on statistics of recycling, trash, commercial and residential, over the past several years, including future projections along with explaining in detail the formula for arriving at the recycling rates.

After some comments, questions, and discussion by the Council, the EAC concurred, by motion from Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Dan Andrews, with one (1) opposing vote, to award the bid to Richard Anthony Associates, sole bidder, in the amount of \$15,000.00, as outlined in the expanded scope of work given to each EAC member, and, as adopted at the May 8, 2007 meeting, to go forth with the Resource Assessment.

Monthly Update regarding MTBE issues – CCHD – Mr. Charles Zeleski, CCHD, updated the EAC on changes since the last EAC meeting.

(All updates are included in the 8/13/07 MTBE spreadsheet e-mailed to EAC members.)

- 7-11: Nearby property on Route 30 was at 44 ppb. Confirmation samples pending
- Sheetz: Sheetz has requested permit to build remediation system & discharge into a tank as an interim measure
- Little George’s: Station is closed
- Sullivan MHP: July results 1.5 ppb. Appears earlier high result may have been an error. Another sample to confirm levels will be conducted soon.

COMMITTEE/WORK TEAM REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water Conservation Committee update – Ms. Gilden advised the EAC this committee is making good progress, their goal of presenting a “working draft” to the EAC on September 11, 2007, for a

recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The next meeting is Thursday, August 30, 2007 at Carroll Community College from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS – Double Pipe Creek Study – Ms. Horosko handed out a copy of her questions to MDE and their responses, including what could the EAC undertake and focus on regarding this severe situation. Ms. Horosko suggested to the Council that speakers, Ed Knolls, head of the Soil Conservation District and Mr. Eric Hines, from the federal government, be considered as part of a future EAC agenda.

Ms. Parr commented that a Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2007, in Room 003/004 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., regarding Ms. Sudano’s water quality concerns of Double Pipe Creek, brought up at the July meeting. This information will be posted on the County website as well as given to the press for public participation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Vice Chair Gilden announced:

- the September, 2007 EAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at **3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004; and
- asked for volunteers to serve on the Environmental Awareness Awards Committee. Ms. Gilden will contact Mr. Brian Rhoten to see if he wants to participate and Chair this committee.
- Mr. Dan Andrews announced he will be attending a Renewable Energy seminar in September in Maine. Topics mentioned were initiating zoning change procedures for micro turbines. Mr. Andrews will bring back his knowledge and share it with the EAC.

ADJOURN - MOTION NO. 20-07: Motion made by Sher Horosko, and seconded by Dan Andrews, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an afternoon meeting, will be held **Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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