

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Karen L. Merkle, Chair</p> <p>Tuesday, May 13, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</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:

Karen Merkle, Chair
Dan Andrews
Kim Petry
Chris Spaur
Brian Rhoten
David Pyatt

Members Absent:

Robyn Gilden

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Kim Millender, County Attorney
Cliff Engle, SW Bureau Chief

Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC
Tom Rio, Acting Director, DGS
J. Michael Evans, Director, DPW

Other Attendees:

L. Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council \
Cheryl Chaney for Brian Flynn, CCHD

Cody Saville, CLSI
Michael Harrison, HBAM

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Karen Merkle, Chair, officially called the May 13, 2008, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Merkle then asked for approval of the April 8, 2008, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 51-08: Motion was made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, approving the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chair Merkle announced communications received since the April, 2008 meeting. 1) Ms. Cindy Parr announced she responded to the April 25, 2008 e-mail from Cheri Grubby with regard to the CCRA. Ms. Parr advised Ms. Grubby that the CCRA subcontractor was knowledgeable with and would be complying with all State and Federal regulations in response to her concern the contractors were from Pennsylvania. Ms. Parr advised another airport meeting, similar to the one held on April 21, 2008, would be held on Monday, June 9, 2008, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Since the next EAC meeting is Tuesday, June 10th, Ms. Parr will arrange to have someone brief the EAC on the status of this airport expansion. 2) Chair Merkle announced the Board of Commissioners accepted the resignations of Ms. Sher Horosko and Mr. Jim Johnson. The BOC appointed Westminster resident Mr. Richard Haddad, currently President of the Chamber of Commerce, having served on many boards, to the EAC. Mr. Haddad’s term will be through 7/5/2009. Mr. Merkle advised the EAC the BOC is currently looking at additional applications to fill the remaining vacancy, also with a term through 7/5/2009.

OPEN FORUM – None

PRESENTATION: - by Mr. Thomas Rio, Acting Director of the Department of General Services on Green Buildings in Carroll County. Mr. Rio briefed the Council on the plans for the Carroll Community

College classroom addition and dining hall, utilizing technology of solar and optimum daylight control, installation of dual flush toilets, etc. Mr. Rio touched on the use of geothermal at various locations within Carroll County including the Finksburg Library being built as “green as can be with their given budget.”

The EAC was excited to learn that “green” technology is being applied within the government structure at various existing locations for quite some time, along with new construction of Carroll County facilities. Mr. Rio also advised the EAC key personnel regulate facility temperatures via computer from their residences to save energy and budget dollars.

Ms. Merkle thanked Mr. Rio for addressing the EAC.

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

Solid Waste: Mr. Cliff Engle, Solid Waste Bureau Chief briefed the Council on the May 2, 2008, stakeholder meeting lasting about an hour with very little attendee input. Haulers, COB staff and individual towns were in attendance. Mr. Engle informed stakeholder attendees on various issues ranging from “what is going on at the landfill”, impact to them regarding WTE as well as rate increases and the collective efforts needed to do better recycling in Carroll County. EAC discussion followed upon Mr. Engle advising landfill had commenced disposal in Cell 3 on March 30th to coincide with scale house replacement, completed on April 12, 2008. Mr. Engle also advised the transfer station will be down for 6 to 8 weeks for major repairs with construction to begin in late July.

Council Motion – Fee Increases for Repeat Zoning Offense – Ms. Kim Millender addressed last month’s motion recommending the BOC to consider a change to the County Zoning ordinance to increase the fine or have increasing fines for repeat offenses. Ms. Millender and staff met; a draft declaratory ruling is currently being reviewed by the new Zoning Administrator, Gayle Fritz, who moved into this position upon Mr. Ralph Green’s retirement. Ms. Millender indicated under Article 66B of the State code, various limits are set on the amount of fines and penalties limiting what the County can do.

Wind Turbine update – The County has adopted a wind turbine ordinance (Ordinance No. 08-02, Chapter 223- Zoning – Small Wind Energy Systems), effective May 14, 2008. Ms. Kim Millender stated that neighboring counties have already inquired about this ordinance, the first of its kind in Maryland. Mr. Dan Andrews thanked everyone for contributing to the entire process becoming a reality quickly and smoothly. Chair Merkle asked Dan Andrews to advise when the next Cool Counties group meeting is scheduled.

Environmental Awareness Awards – Chair Merkle announced the ceremony was very nice, the recycled awards were well received and Ms. Merkle thanked Kim Petry for her hard work.

NEW BUSINESS: - 1) Chair Merkle stated she has received a few calls regarding the spraying times of gypsy moths being between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. A time when children are going to school, people are walking their dogs. Suggested a door hanger be placed at residences where spraying is about to occur with information about when and how long. Ms. Parr indicated she would bring the issue before the Cabinet and report back at the June meeting along with speaking to the CCHD on this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Dan Andrews reminded Council the Sustainable Living Fair, a non-profit event, will be held at the Carroll County Farm Museum on Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with approximately 40 vendors, 15 non-profits, 12 classes and a full-scale wind turbine model on display. More information may be obtained at www.sustainablelivingfair.org. Mr. Andrews also invited the Bureau of Solid Waste to have a stand at the Sustainable Living Fair like Howard County did at theirs.

ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 52-08: Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an afternoon meeting, will be held **Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.



Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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