

<p><b>Carroll County</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>  <b>MINUTES</b>  <b>Karen L. Merkle, Chair</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 10, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Room 003/004, Carroll County Office</b>  <b>Building (COB)</b></p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Cynthia M. Parr</b>  <b>Chief, Administrative Services</b>  <b>225 N Center Street, Room 300</b>  <b>Westminster, MD 21157-5194</b>  <b>Telephone: 410-386-2232</b>  <b>Fax: 410-386-2485</b>  <a href="mailto:cparr@ccg.carr.org">cparr@ccg.carr.org</a></p>
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**Members Present:**

Karen Merkle, Chair  
Dan Andrews  
Kim Petry  
Chris Spaur  
David Pyatt  
Richard Haddad  
Sandy Zebal

**Members Absent:**

Robyn Gilden  
Brian Rhoten

**County Government:**

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison  
Terri Jones, Esq., Deputy County Attorney  
Jim Dyson, Office of Environmental Compliance  
Jeff Topper, Management Analysis

Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC  
Joe McKelvey, Airport Manager  
Jim Dyson, Environmental Compliance  
J. Michael Evans, Director, DPW

**Other Attendees:**

L. Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council  
Charles Zeleski, CCHD  
Colleen Angstadt, Airport Consultants, Inc.

Dawn Eldridge, CCHD  
Roy Lewis, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.  
Cheri Grubby, resident

**CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Karen Merkle, Chair, officially called the June 10, 2008, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Merkle welcomed new members Sandy Zebal and Richard Haddad to the EAC. Mr. Haddad and Ms. Zebal will fill out the remaining term of two resigning EAC members, until 7/5/09. Ms. Zebal retired after 33 years with Carroll County Public schools and is currently active with Voices for Children of Carroll County – a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Mr. Haddad’s introduction is a part of the May 13, 2008 adopted minutes.

Ms. Merkle then asked for approval of the May 13, 2008, minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 53-08:** Motion was made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, approving the minutes as noted. Added to the minutes, under UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS, Solid Waste, last sentence. *“EAC discussion followed upon Mr. Engle advising landfill had commenced disposal in Cell 3 on March 30<sup>th</sup> 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.”* Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Chair Merkle added to today’s agenda, under UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS, 6. c. MTBE update.

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**PRESENTATION:** - Roy Lewis, Director of Planning and Colleen Angstadt, Project Manager, both with Delta Airport Associates, presented handouts, the same handout given out at the April, 2008 Open House, to the EAC and briefed the Council on the overview of the CCRA Environmental Assessment, to date, as approved by the BOC in June, 2007, as the first step towards a potential runway expansion. Upon completion of the review processes, the findings will go back to the BOC for review and further proceedings. Delta mentioned an Environmental Assessment was previously done in 2003 with current concerns of wetlands and the Bog turtle habitat. Ms. Angstadt added a Noise Analysis is being redone.

EAC members asked several questions as to whether, after an assessment was performed, if expansions of this nature were ever stopped. Delta Airport consultants present responded it is rare to stop after this has already been through the Master Plan process along with having Economic Development's support. Mr. Lewis responded to Chris Spaur that it is not unusual for neighboring and citizen opposition to an airport expansion. Mr. David Pyatt asked if an airplane crash and potential environmental damage been calculated in the assessment. Response by Delta was, no; however, the FAA has developed an area known as a "runway protection zone".

Mr. Cheri Grubbi gave the EAC, for their knowledge and record, questions she has developed for the Delta consultants. She acknowledged that some of the questions have been answered by Delta in the public meetings.

Ms. Merkle thanked Mr. Lewis and Ms. Angstadt for addressing the EAC and asked the Council to forward any questions related to the environmental assessment of the proposed airport expansion to Ann Baugher. Upon compilation, Ms. Cindy Parr will forward to Mr. Lewis and Ms. Angstadt for a response.

**UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Sustainability Fair – update:** Dan Andrews reported the first Sustainable Living Fair, held at the Carroll County Farm Museum on Saturday, May 24, 2008, was well attended with approximately 35 vendors, 14 non-profits, 700 paying and 200+ vendors, guests, and volunteers. Plans for next year's event are already underway.

**Maryland Department of Agriculture Insect Control – Neighborhood Spraying Notification Policies:** – Mr. Charlie Zeleski reported MDA link was forwarded to Ms. Parr on MDA's notification process for gypsy moth control spraying. This link, in turn, was forwarded to the EAC. Concerns include the lack of notification and the time the spraying occurs, between the hours of approximately 7:00 - 7:30 A.M., a time when children are going to school and people are walking their dogs, etc. Mr. Zeleski indicated there is a 2-week notification process; however, it is not sent out via registered letter. Notification is on MDA's website and published in the newspaper. Citizens may contact MDA to remove their property from this spraying.

Ms. Cindy Parr agreed to have something put on Channel 24 in an attempt to reach more residents in addition to the existing notification via MDA's website or by reading it in the newspaper. Ms. Parr agreed to contact the MDA to inquire if the notification process was conducted this spring in Carroll County and if so, how was it implemented.

**MTBE update – CCHD** - Mr. Zeleski reported changes to the Council and agreed upon Ms. Merkle's request, to have dates included on the stage of investigation as a convenient reference for future updates. The Council inquired if this case worksheet was beneficial with Mr. Zeleski stating it has been a great tool in improving the health department's relationship with MDE's Oil Control Program. They now meet regularly, working cooperatively and the Council should take credit for this achievement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** - None

**COUNCIL MEMBERS – ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

- Ms. Kim Petry advised the EAC of a new technology, an energy controller that absorbs electricity during spikes and then releases it when needed with an average savings of 15-30%. Installation costs recuperation, depending on electricity usage, may be realized in as short six months time.
- Mr. Chris Spaur expressed his concern on watch battery disposal having a much higher mercury content than CFL's, currently causing public alarm, and older electronics containing much higher toxic materials of far greater concern, again than CFL's.
- Collective concerns raised by the Council about the lack of movement in recycling initiatives and public information, and the County's implementation of the EAC's Water Conservation recommendations, presented to the BOC in the fall of 2007. The water recommendations were endorsed by the BOC last winter. Ms. Parr feels progress has been slowed regarding the water conservation recommendations since there are both County-run facilities and facilities within the Towns/Cities and their response turnaround time. Ms. Parr conveyed her belief of this issue being an agenda item at the June 11, 2008 quarterly mayor's meeting. Ms. Parr also indicated she would brief the Chief of Staff, Mr. Steven Powell on these matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Council discussion regarding summer vacations of many, led to a motion to cancel the July meeting.

**JULY MEETING CANCELLATION: MOTION NO. 54-08:** Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Chris Spaur, to cancel the July 8, 2008, EAC meeting. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 55-08:** Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an **afternoon** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

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***Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend***