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| <p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Karen L. Merkle, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 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
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
Sandy Zebal
Richard Haddad

Brian Rhoten
Chris Spaur
Dan Andrews
David Pyatt

Members Absent:

Robyn Gilden

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Terri Jones, Esq., Deputy County Attorney
Kim Golden-Brandt, Development Review
Pat Varga, Development Review
Vivian Laxton, Communications

Ann L. Baugher, Recording Secretary to EAC
Clay Black, Development Review
Kathryn Flemyr, Development Review
Mark Ripper, Director, DTS

Other Attendees:

Carrier Knauer, Carroll County Times
Ellen Cutsail, Town of Union Bridge
Charles Zeleski, CCHD

Julie Tasillo, Center for Watershed Protection
Ed Singer, CCHD

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Karen Merkle, Chair, officially called the December 9, 2008, meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and then asked for approval of the November 18, 2008, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 68-08: Motion was made by Sandy Zebal, seconded by David Pyatt, approving the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

OPEN FORUM – None

PRESENTATION: - Ms. Julie Tasillo, Center for Watershed Protection presented information to the EAC on the “Carroll County Builders for the Bay Roundtable” process. Ms. Kim Golden-Brandt, Development Review, covered some aspects of the year long process as well. Carroll County contracted the Center for Watershed Protection to assist the County and developers in arriving at some decisions, acceptable to both, from recommendations, and potential rules and policies. Ms. Tasillo indicated a final report will be given to the EAC, upon completion. An interesting case study was presented with the bottom line giving the EAC some perspective on conventional versus cluster development on 96 acres, conventional - 142 half-acre lots, 29% impervious cover \$2,460,200; where the same 96 acres, same 142 lots but ¼ acre lots, and 15% impervious cover \$888,735, at a savings of over 64%. Ms. Brandt indicated recommendations vary in difficulty. One example presented was scaling back parking spaces, in banking institutions plans where most customers utilize drive-through service in place of lobby-style banking.

The EAC asked several questions including things like whether a representative from Mt. Airy served in this process group, is southern direction being considered in building placement, and if green and metal roofs are a consideration versus traditional. The Council expressed pleasure in the use of rain gardens.

Discussion ended with the EAC offering their assistance in this process and/or its plans or recommendations.

Ms. Merkle thanked Ms. Julie Tasillo and Ms. Brandt for attending and presenting on behalf of the Carroll County Builders for the Bay Roundtable.

OLD BUSINESS:

COOL COUNTIES PROJECT – ENERGY REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE: Ms. Petry briefed the EAC, showing an EPA form that could be used to collect data, assisting the County in complying with the executed Cool Counties Agreement as a starting point or baseline. Ms. Petry suggested, due to the size of this project, possibly having students from McDaniel assist in data entry, as interns, with County staff overseeing the group.

Mr. Mark Ripper, Director of the Department of Technical Services, presented statistics to the EAC on energy savings initiatives within Carroll County. Mr. Ripper advised the County has become a member of ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives). Ms. Petry then stated that ICLEI is more user friendly and members can utilize ICLEI staff for problems or questions.

Mr. Ripper continued briefing the EAC that the County, by having the over 830 computer systems turned off at day's end, according to Dell's energy calculator, has reduced kilowatt hours, per unit, from 966 kW to 146kW with an annual savings of 66 tons or converted to approximately 1,648 car travel miles. A savings of \$74 to \$82 per unit per year, totaling over \$68,000.00. Prior to execution of the Cool County Agreement, the office building's lighting was converted for energy efficiency. Last year, the County promoted "Change A Light" campaign winning the promotion. The past three (3) years electricity usage will be reviewed in 2009, along with a focus on County vehicles, in search of additional savings. Question remains as to when the benchmark date is or should be.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 Environmental Awards – Ms. Petry updated the Council regarding the nomination form and criteria now available to submit on-line with the press release going out by 12-12-08. Ms. Petry asked the EAC if there was any opposition to the awards being the first week of May, to be held in conjunction with County Government Week. No objections noted and the award date will be either May 5 or May 7, 2009. Ms. Merkle commented the Awards Committee may want to give some thought to changing the name, Environmental Awareness Awards, to something else in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nominations for Chair should be forwarded to Ann Baugher. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the January, 2009 meeting, and vote will be by paper ballot. The new chair will take over beginning with the February, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Brian Rhoten will give a general presentation on "trees" at the February, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Merkle thanked the entire EAC for all their hard work in her tenure as Chair, with a lot of work still remaining to be done.

ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 69-08: Motion made by Kim Petry, seconded by David Pyatt, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an **afternoon** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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