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| <p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, March 10, 2009, @ 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:

Robyn Gilden, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
Karen Merkle
Chris Spaur
Dan Andrews
Brian Rhoten
Sandy Zebal
David Pyatt
Richard Haddad

Members Absent:

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Terri Jones, Esq., Deputy County Attorney
Vivian Laxton, Communications

Ann L. Baugher, Recording Secretary to EAC
Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator

Other Attendees:

Carrier Knauer, Carroll County Times
Roy Lewis, VP & Director, Delta Airport Consultants

Colleen Angstadt, Delta Airport Consultants
Jon Richardson, CCHD

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the March 10, 2009, meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Ms. Gilden announced two additions to the Agenda. Added under **Old Business: Item No. d. Environmental Awareness Awards update; Item No. e. Solid Waste management/Waste to Energy follow-up.**

Then Ms. Gilden asked for approval of the February 10, 2009, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO.75 -09: Motion was made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, approving the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chair Gilden announced she had received a copy of a letter sent to the EAC, Frederick and Carroll County Commissioners, and others, from a physician in Florida regarding his opinion on Waste to Energy. Ms. Gilden will forward the document to all EAC members via e-mail. Ms. Cindy Parr stated that the letter has already been presented to the Board of Commissioners.

OPEN FORUM – None

Old Business: Ms. Colleen Angstadt and Mr. Roy Lewis, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. reported to the EAC on the Carroll County Regional Airport Environmental Assessment and runway expansion.

Ms. Angstadt advised the EAC that three residences and two businesses would need to be relocated under the preferred alternative and Delta has been keeping these parties up-to-date on the progress of the potential airport expansion. Of the 18 elements of the Environmental Assessment, all concerns can be mitigated.

Many questions were answered by Mr. Lewis and Ms. Angstadt posed by EAC members. Responses included covering issues regarding the noise model, the size of aircraft using the airport, runway size, land acquisition, loss of work compensation, moving costs incurred, air quality analysis, selection of Alternative # 4 since the other three did not completely meet the needs as outlined in the Master Plan, aviation easement, obstruction analysis, proximity damage, and partial acquisition of 10 residences and 11 businesses. The presentation concluded by outlining the next steps in the process, including another public hearing that will be held by the Board of Commissioners upon receipt of the final Environmental Assessment regarding the decision on whether to move forward with the expansion.

The Council decided to have members send any concerns on the regarding the Airport Environmental Assessment to Cindy Parr for forwarding to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. for a response.

Ms. Gilden thanked Ms. Angstadt and Ms. Lewis of Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., for attending and presenting an update on the airport environmental assessment.

Mr. Jon Richardson, Carroll County Health Department introduced himself and briefed the EAC on the current status of MTBE cases: One new case on Cranberry Road and its rapid cleanup; the closing of seven (7) cases since the last report; and updates on the larger cases of Little George's, and the Grave Run area. Other changes since the fall of 2008 update are included in the last column.

With no questions from the Council, Ms. Gilden thanked Mr. Richardson for the update.

Mr. Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator, briefed the EAC on County Sustainability Projects including a Low-E efficient window and hybrid car energy grant application, Hashawha Center's investigation of alternative energy applications and Mr. Ridgely left members a copy of a status report. Mr. Ridgely reported a newly formed Sustainability Committee held their first meeting on March 6, 2009. This committee is comprised of 12 business members and 8 County directors/managers within Carroll County. Sustainability has been defined as: "**The understanding and accounting for the idea that society, economy, and our environment are linked to each other, and are all three affected by each decision we make**" A green footprint book marker was given to Council members regarding Sustainable Carroll County's commitment.

Ms. Gilden thanked Mr. Ridgely for attending and updating the EAC on the County's sustainability progress.

A lengthy discussion of the Council followed regarding the response from Mr. Mike Evans, Director of Public Works regarding the WTE issue in his recent response letter to the EAC dated March 5, 2009. The Council, in view of a limited time constraint, decided that all questions and comments be put into a detailed format and forwarded to Chair Gilden, by Tuesday 3/17, for compilation and forwarding to Mr. Evans for response.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Issues for future consideration - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regularly scheduled meeting, an **evening** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 76-09: Motion made by Kim Petry, seconded by David Pyatt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried.



Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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