

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, June 9, 2009, @ 3:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</p>		<p>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
Karen Merkle
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Brian Rhoten
David Pyatt
Chris Spaur
Richard Haddad

Members Absent:

Kim Petry

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator
Joe McKelvey, Airport Manager

Ann L. Baugher, Recording Secretary to EAC
Steve Horn, Director of Planning.

Other Attendees:

Jon Richardson, CCHD
Mary Anne Kowalski, resident
Dave Edwards, BWI Operators Manager

Ellen Cutsail, Town of Union Bridge
Kelly Double, Mt. Airy resident
Vince Cosaro, ASIG, Inc. at BWI

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the June 9, 2009, meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. asking for approval of the May 12, 2009, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO.82 -09: Motion was made by Karen Merkle, seconded by David Pyatt, approving the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – 1) EAC members have until July 10, 2009 to comment on Carroll’s pathway regarding the “Comprehensive Plan”. The plan and summary can be read on carrollpathway.org, or comments may be sent to Chair Robyn Gilden for forwarding 2) Mr. Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator briefed the Council on the July 14, 2009 panel discussion LEED progress, to date. Two panelists already committed are Dean Camlin and Polly Bart. Panel discussion will be preceded by a 15-minute setup LEED presentation. The entire segment will last about an hour. Panelists are looking for financial support and Dan Andrews responded the Maryland Heartland Sustainable Living Fair Board will vote on this request at their June 22, 2009 board meeting. The LEED panel discussion will be the main agenda item for the July meeting. 3) Chair Gilden reported she met with two of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioners Minnich and Zimmer, on issues the BOC may want the EAC to be involved in. During that meeting Commissioner Minnich advised keeping the July LEED topic on green buildings broad and the concepts general.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Joe McKelvey, CCRA Manager introduced Mr. Dave Edwards, BWI Operators Manager and Vince Cosaro, ASIG, (Aircraft Service International Group), Inc. at BWI. Mr. McKelvey began by covering the CCRA’s runway deicing process and advised the EAC that airplane deicing does not take place at the CCRA nor is it the intention to do so in the future. (deicing brief was e-mailed to

EAC members on 6-10-09). Mr. McKelvey advised that last year the runway was deiced once using about 20 bags of urea spread by an attachment that fits on the back of a pick-up truck.

Mr. Edward stated his job at BWI is to maintain a safe environment on the runway. All runway deicing chemicals are FAA approved and BWI is governed by Part 139 regulations. BWI uses various chemicals depending on the type of storm event. If unable to obtain the environment necessary for planes to take off and land, the runway is shutdown. Chemicals are very expensive along with application equipment. Salt is never used on a runway due to its caustic effects.

Mr. Vince Cosaro continued the deicing brief explaining plane deicing. A fleet of trucks, at a cost of \$250,000.00 each, spray heated propylene glycol (liquid antifreeze) on the aircraft followed by a second phase of anti-ice – 100% propylene glycol which sticks like molasses to form a protection layer. The amount of hold time before take off is important, since it may be necessary to deice the plane again. The propylene glycol is either collected from under the drainage pad or scooped off the runway and either sold or disposed of per regulations. Certain carriers like Federal Express and UPS deice their own fleet.

Mr. McKelvey closed with stating the new CCRA airport expansion, if realized, would continue to use urea in the runway deicing process since the infrequent use, high cost of alternative chemicals and the associated application equipment, and storage facilities needed would not be cost effective.

OLD BUSINESS – 2009 Maryland Heartland Sustainable Living Fair report - Mr. Dan Andrews informed the EAC the 2009, second year event, was again very successful. Over 1,050 attended including vendors and volunteers. In their goal of zero waste, after all items were recycled and food composted, one (1) 50-lb. bag of waste remained. The 2010 fair is scheduled for May 22, 2010. Ms. Merkle commented the Sustainable Living Fair was a great event and the group did a great job.

OPEN FORUM – Mr. Kelly Double representing the Citizens of Mount Airy shared his concerns on the draft Pathways Plan and the proposed acquisition of property for an employment campus in Mt. Airy, what effects it will have being at the headwaters to the Patapsco, and possibly a better suited site elsewhere in Carroll County. He also questioned why this was not brought forth until May 11, 2009.

Ms. Cindy Parr reiterated numerous times “Pathways” is not a Board of Commissioners plan but a Planning and Zoning draft and all concerns need to be directed to the Planning Commission and not the Board of Commissioners and the EAC is a BOC commissioned board. Ms. Parr called Mr. Steve Horn, Director of Planning to the meeting to address the EAC on the Pathways process.

Mr. Steve Horn addressed the EAC on the Pathways process ~ the proposed Pathways draft plan has been out since May 11, 2009. It can be found on the County website, by calling in on a toll-free number or stopping by Room 205 to speak to a County Planning staff member, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., until the 60-day comment period ends, July 10, 2009. Mr. Horn stated three (3) meetings affording the public an opportunity to speak to the Planning Commission on the draft plan have been set up. They all begin at 7 p.m. The dates are: June 11, 2009 at Francis Scott Key High School, June 15, 2009 at Century High School and June 23, 2009 at North Carroll High School. The next step in the process after the 23rd of June will be for the plan to go to public hearing, probably the week of July 13, 2009. Then it will go before the Board of Commissioners for adoption or rejection.

Much Council discussion followed including why the EAC was not consulted on the Pathways Plan regarding environmental concerns and again Ms. Parr advised Pathways it not a BOC document. It was decided upon to have an extra EAC meeting, for discussion and compilation of comments, prior to the

comment period closing on July 10, 2009. Meeting for the Council to discuss the “Pathways” plan from an environmental impact perspective was set for Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 003/004.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Issues for future consideration – Mr. Dan Andrews requested an update on Carroll County’s solid waste management plan with the vote to advertise for individuals who might wish to have their property evaluated for use as a landfill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ms. Cindy Parr handed out a copy of the commercial green tax credit passed during the legislative session and suggested the EAC place the residential green tax credit they wish to propose on an upcoming agenda.

Ms. Gilden announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, an **evening** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 003/004 and the special meeting to discuss the “Pathways” plan from an environmental impact perspective will be held **Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

<p><u>ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 83-09:</u> Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Brian Rhoten to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Motion carried.</p>

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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