

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, January 12, 2010, @ 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
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Brian Rhoten
Chris Spaur
Richard Haddad
David Pyatt
Karen Merkle

Members Absent:

Kim Petry, Vice Chair

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Terri Jones, Esquire, CAO
Brenda Dinne, Bureau of Comprehensive Planning
Gale Engles, Bureau of Resource Management

Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary
Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator
Tom Devilbiss, Bureau of Planning

Other Attendees:

Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times reporter

Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Town Council

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the January 12, 2010, meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. asking for approval of the December 8, 2009 minutes.

Karen Merkle pointed out a typographical error. On the third line under “Presentations” the word “were” should be “where”. The correction was made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 101 -10: Motion was made by Christopher Spaur, seconded by Sandy Zabel, approving the minutes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cindy Parr received an e-mail regarding “radon”. She said she advised the gentleman to check with the EPA website regarding their recommendations on radon remediation. Ms. Parr will forward the e-mail to anyone who has more information for this person. Ms. Gilden mentioned the writer may want to contact Charles Zeleski at the Carroll County Health Department.

ADDITION TO AGENDA: Chair, Robyn Gilden added an item to the Old Business. The topic is “**Update On Environmental Awareness Awards**”.

PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Brenda Dinne presented information about the **Water Resource Element**. This plan is being written in response to House Bill 1141 from the 2006 General Assembly. The County has received an extension until April 1, 2010. We are currently in the 60-day review period which is December–February. A joint public hearing will be held on February 11, 2010 for Carroll County, Hampstead, Manchester, New Windsor, and Westminster. The other towns are holding their own individual hearings. The final plan approved by the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the County Commissioners in March to consider for adoption. A draft of

the Water Resource Element is available <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ddg/compplan/WRE/default.asp>. The county has enough water based on studies, but the issue is can we get to it. Wastewater is more of a problem.

Questions and comments were made by committee members: Karen Merkle asked if the county has authority over the towns. Mrs. Dinne responded “No”. Chris Spaur voiced that he feels the plan is a good one. Dave Pyatt said the cost involved in getting the water is a problem. Brenda pointed out that the State guidelines indicate that capacity needs and water supply sources need to be identified. However, the cost involved could be cited as a limitation to providing the water supply to meet projected demand. Dan Andrews asked if any studies have been done on the affect of pharmaceuticals being disposed of in the wastewater and is that monitored in Carroll County? Mrs. Dinne answered that it is not addressed in this plan. The State has not given direction on this. Mr. Andrews also asked if the temperatures and rainfall are being monitored. Mr. Tom Devilbiss answered that the Emergency Operations Center and local residents who have been certified by NOAA do keep records on these. Mr. Andrews asked if monitoring of levels in municipal well water is done. Mr. Devilbiss answered that since 1989 this has been done every 2 weeks. There are between 50 and 60 wells around municipalities tested with charts and information available. Mr. Spaur asked if the affects of septic system failure on the water quality has been studied in the county. Mr. Devilbiss answered that the funding has been pulled from the Health Department so nothing is being done at this time.

Ms. Robyn Gilden thanked Mrs. Dinne and Mr. Devilbiss on their information and for coming.

OPEN FORUM: - None

OLD BUSINESS – “**Energy Star**” **Partner County** – Mr. Neil Ridgely informed the committee that we do not have the staff to do the necessary monthly reporting to participate in this program at this time. Mr. Ridgely cannot do the monthly reporting by himself.

He did ask the committee if they would make a recommendation to include this program on the sustainability committee recommendations that will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners in the near future. Mr. Pyatt and Ms. Merkle agreed that this is a good program. The committee agreed that this should be included on the sustainability recommendations.

Mr. Ridgely’s additional comments/items:

- Mr. Ridgely also wanted to update the committee on the presentation made by Mr. Howard, director of the CATS commuter lines to the Sustainability Committee. The proposed idea is to begin the commuter program by working with county employees since they are a 9-5 work day. Mr. Howard was receptive to the idea but it is still early in the discussions.
- Mr. Ridgely advised the EAC that the \$250,000 grant from the Department of Energy for the residential revolving loan fund for energy-efficient remodeling and upgrades is on hold for now. The guidelines have changed and the money needs to go back into the program once dispersed.

Tree Commission – Mr. Rhoten has nothing to report.

Environmental Awareness Awards – Ms. Gilden reported that Ms. Kim Petry, Vice Chair is working with Vivian Laxton on Nominations. Certificates of Award will be presented on April 29, 2010. Ms. Gilden asked EAC members to get the word out about the nominations for the award, due 2/15/10.

NEW BUSINESS-None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Issues for future consideration –None

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ms. Gildea announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, an **afternoon** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004

ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 102-10: Motion made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Karen Merkle, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Motion carried.



Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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