

<p><b>Carroll County</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>  <b>MINUTES</b>  <b>Robyn Gilden, Chair</b>  <b>Kim Petry, Vice Chair</b>  <b>Tuesday, March 9, 2010, @ 3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Room 003/004, Carroll County Office</b>  <b>Building (COB)</b></p>		<p><b>Cynthia M. Parr, Chief</b>  <b>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:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**County Government:**

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison  
Terri Jones, Esquire, CAO

Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary  
Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator

**Other Attendees:**

Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times reporter

Charlie Zeleski, Carroll County Health Dept.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the March 9, 2010, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. asking for approval of the January 12, 2010 minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 103 -10:** Motion was made by Karen Merkle, seconded by David Pyatt, approving the minutes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Chair Robyn Gilden reminded members of the upcoming Sensitivity Training on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 9:30. The training will last for 3 hours. Members are to RSVP to Terri Haines at 410-386-2030.

Ms. Gilden wanted to mention that she is very pleased that Senate Bill 213/House Bill 33- “Child Care Articles containing Bisphenol-A – Prohibition” (see attachment) passed unanimously. This bill requires the use of the least toxic alternative in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of specified toys or child care articles. Maryland is the fourth state to pass a BPA ban.

Karen Merkle announced the recognition of Ms. Gilden now becoming “Dr.” Gilden.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Ms. Connie Hogue of the Maryland State Forestry Board did not attend, so the meeting continued with business at hand.

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Karen Merkle gave a summary of her presentation to Waste Not Carroll. She explained to them the purpose and role of the Environmental Advisory Council as recorded on the County ordinance; the Council's work on the solid waste management issue leading to the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in November of 2007; the timeline of the County's solid waste decisions through 2009. She noted that Mike Evans, Dept. of Public Works and Maria Myers, Recycling of Carroll County Government have also been presenters previously at WasteNotCarroll meetings. Discussion by members followed with the decision to ask Mike Evans and Maria Myers to give presentations at the EAC's April meeting. They would like to see the Enterprise Fund Report to see how much money is averaged by the county for its recyclables and what amount has the county spent on Phase 1 development of the waste-to-energy facility. It was also suggested that the Council hear a presentation from a community similar to ours that is successfully managing solid waste through recycling and other sustainable practices.
- b. Kim Petry gave an update on the Environmental Awareness Awards. There has been poor response with 4 nominations in 5 categories. The suggestion was made to change the awards to be given every other year and simplifying the form with optional sections. It was also brought up to advertise strongly at the colleges and grade schools.
- c. Brian Rhoten gave an update on the Tree Commission. He will be e-mailing a draft of the ordinance changes to the council members. The City Tree Commission will be meeting this month. Mr. Rhoten also mentioned he would like to see an educational presentation at a meeting on negative impacts to trees by practices like Tree Topping and a link to information on the county's website. He also mentioned he has been pleased to be working with Jonathan Bowman, the Carroll County Forest Conservation Specialist.
- d. Cindy Parr informed the council that House Bill 1112 "Carroll County – Green Building Tax Credit" (see attachment) was adopted on March 9 with a Favorable report. She also reported that Senate Bill 925 "Carroll County – Green Building Tax Credit" (see attachment) will go before Budget and Taxation for a hearing on March 23 at 1:00pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**-None.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Issues for future consideration –

1. Brian Rhoten would like to hear a Wind, Solar and Geothermal Presentation
2. Neil Ridgely announced that the Sustainability Committee is putting together an Energy Saving Expo on Saturday, April 24 9:00-1:00. The Expo is being sponsored by the Carroll County Times. There will be a panel discussion by the Public Service Commission. Emphasis will be on residential savings on electric.
3. Robyn Gilden would like to have Mr. Charles Zeleski give a presentation on Rabies (maybe in May)

4. Chris Spaur would like to hear Mr. Steve Horn speak about the 2010 Master Plan that is being worked on. A presentation after the 60 day review period has begun would be good.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

Ms. Gildea announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, an **evening** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 003/004

<p><b><u>ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 104-10:</u></b> Motion made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.</p>
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***Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend***