

# Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



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## Meeting Summary for January 16, 2013

### Members Present

Sandy Zebal, Chair  
Karen Leatherwood  
Josh Hatkin  
Kim Petry  
Chris Spaur

### Other Attendees

Ellen Cutsail

### County Government

Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator  
Kim Dubbert, Recording Secretary  
Tom Devilbiss, Deputy Director, Land Use, Planning  
& Development  
Barb Kearney, Comprehensive Planner, Bureau of  
Comprehensive Planning

### Members Absent

Suzanne Hill

### CALL TO ORDER –

Ms. Sandra Zebal, Chair, officially called the January 16, 2013, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 003 of the County Office Building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 167-13:** Motion was made by Kim Petry and seconded by Chris Spaur to approve the December 4, 2012, minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 168-13:** Motion was made by Sandra Zebal and seconded by Chris Spaur to approve the December 11, 2012, minutes. Motion carried.

### CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. CHAIR: Ms. Dinne provided copies of Ms. Zebal's draft Annual Report as well as the draft PowerPoint for the January 24 joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Dinne will revise the report as discussed and put it on EAC letterhead. Josh Hatkin stated that he encouraged two people to apply for EAC positions. Ms. Leatherwood said she was told that the Board was trying to ensure members of boards and councils were geographically diverse; therefore, we may not get two from Taneytown.
- b. SOLID WASTE: Nothing additional to report on the Solid Waste Work Group.

### **TREE COMMISSION –**

Nothing to report.

### **STAFF LIASION REPORT –**

Chair nominations and voting needs to be done at the February meeting. Staff will check to see if the Vice-Chair position also needs to be elected. Ms. Zebal indicated she is not interested in being re-elected for Chair position. The January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Board will be held in Room 311. Ms. Dinne will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for that meeting and email it to Sandy for review. The PowerPoint will include slides for the annual report, the 2013 proposed work plan, and “other issues.” Ms. Dinne will not be at the February meeting and will have someone fill in for her.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. HB 987/CH 151 SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS: Tom Devilbiss briefed the EAC on the requirements of HB 987, which requires Carroll County to develop a Watershed Protection and Restoration program, including developing and adopting a stormwater fee. The purpose of the presentation was to remind the EAC of the requirements prior to meeting with the Board on January 24. Since the EAC’s proposed work plan includes the EAC serving as the core members of a stormwater fee advisory group, he briefly discussed the proposed members of the advisory group, to include the EAC plus additional members representing other stakeholders. The advisory group will be tasked with discussing options and recommending a rate structure for the fee, should the Board move forward with adopting one. Tom Devilbiss emphasized that this is a very important task, will be high profile, and will be very valuable to the Board. He indicated that Land Use, Planning and Development staff will support the advisory group, rather than serving on the advisory group. The advisory group will consist of six (6) EAC members, three (3) county staff members – with one staff member from Budget, Finance, and the Commissioner’s office, two (2) municipalities representing WRCC, two members from Chamber of Commerce representing business and finance, and one (1) member representing agriculture. The fee reduction methodology is the only part that needs to be approved by MDE. The program has to be adopted by July 1, 2013. Kim Petry suggested having a lawyer present at the first couple meetings to go over the laws.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS: Kim Petry suggested making the wording consistent with the language under section 4 and deleting section 1, since it already is addressed in the Code. Ms. Dinne will check the Bylaws against Code and eliminate items in the Bylaws that are already covered in Code. Ms. Dinne will make the discussed changes to the Bylaws and send a final draft to the EAC. Since the changes were introduced at this meeting, the Bylaws will be voted on at the February meeting.
- b. FREEDOM COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN “LISTENING SESSION”: Ms. Barb Kearney, with the Carroll County Land Use, Planning and Development, Bureau of Comprehensive Planning, was present to facilitate a listening session with the EAC as part of the community input process for the Freedom plan update. Census information has been updated since the existing plan was adopted. Ms. Kearney summarized some of the input she has already received through other sessions. Most residents feel that something needs to be done with Carrolltowne Mall, as it is an eye sore. Others have said that there is a lack of walkability; they are not aware of the CATS shoppers shuttle; and there is no cross section sharing of knowledge. Karen Leatherwood stated there are many opportunities for information, but people still complain they don’t know about things. It is an issue of how to connect people to opportunities. Karen also mentioned people don’t look into what is

happening when they see signs for proposed projects. Ms. Kearney indicated that SHA has an access management plan for the MD 26 corridor plan, which includes where it is likely to develop and what could occur. However, it is not a top priority. Barb mentioned that no one brought up billboards specifically, but the general look of commercial areas along MD 26 has been raised as a concern.

**OTHER –**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

None

**ADJOURNMENT - MOTION NO. 169-13:** Motion made by Karen Leatherwood and seconded by Sandy Zebal to adjourn the January meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 003 of the County Office Building.