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Meeting Summary for July 21, 2015

Members

Karen Leatherwood, Chair
Melvin Baile - Absent
Curtis Barrett - Absent
Ellen Cutsail
Josh Hatkin
David Hynes
George Schooley - Absent
Frank Vleck
Sandy Zebal

County Government

Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator / EAC
Staff Liaison
Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary
Maria Myers, Recycling Coordinator

Other Attendees

None

1. CALL TO ORDER –

Ms. Leatherwood officially called the July 21, 2015, meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Reagan Room of the County Office Building.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS –

No public comments were offered. No members of the public were in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

No corrections or additions were offered for the draft minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 224-15: Motion was made by David Hynes and seconded by Sandy Zebal to approve the April 15, 2015, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. CHAIR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

a. *Solar Energy Subcommittee:*

Nothing to report.

b. *Solid Waste Subcommittee:*

Ms. Leatherwood reported that the Solid Waste Advisory Council is still working developing a recommendation for a viable solution to address disposal and cost for the foreseeable future.

5. TREE COMMISSION –

Nothing to report.

6. STAFF LIASION REPORT

Ms. Dinne welcomed Cindy Myers-Crumbacker back to the position of recording secretary. With the split of the Department of Land Use, Planning & Development into two new departments, Jenn Quick was assigned to the Department of Planning; whereas, the Ms. Dinne falls under the Department of Land & Resource Management. Therefore, Ms. Myers-Crumbacker volunteered to take on this responsibility again.

Ms. Dinne indicated that, in addition to progress updates and/or discussion on the business MS4 workshop, the agenda for the August EAC meeting would include an overview from Maryland Department of Environmental (MDE) staff on the 12 SW (industrial) stormwater permits. This overview will provide good background information to the EAC members prior to holding the business MS4 workshop in October.

Ms. Dinne requested the EAC members to let her know if there is a specific topic on which they would like her to find a speaker to present at an EAC meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS –

a. *Business Community MS4 Workshop*

Facilities Committee – The Community College will set up the room and take it down again. The committee will need to let the college know how to set up the room (with tables or just chairs) a week or two ahead of time. The committee will not need to do anything else until the day of the workshop.

Refreshments Committee – Legacy Contracting is donating refreshments.

Registration & Materials Committee – Ms. Cutsail is drafting an evaluation form for participants and will e-mail it to the other committee members for review. The results will provide feedback for future workshops, particularly the general public workshop that the EAC will host in 2016.

Staff – Ms. Dinne shared the various means of getting the word out about the workshop to businesses. A news release will be sent out. Ms. Dinne has been in contact with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, which will send the flyers out in its September newsletter. The small business/merchant associations in the municipalities have been contacted as well.

EAC members should arrive by 4:00.

9. NEW BUSINESS –

a. *The Current Recycling Market – Maria Myers, Carroll County Recycling Manager*

Maria Myers presented an update on the status of the recycling market. She informed the EAC that the recycling market is not in crisis. It is still good to recycle, as it keeps waste out of the landfill. The County is still getting money for its recycling. The market is just not as good as it was, which is a cyclical occurrence. China is not taking as many types of recycling materials as it was.

The Carroll County Government Recycling website has a list of things that are acceptable to recycle. The municipalities' offices also have this information. It is important to only recycle what is

on the list, as this results in better quality recycling materials and lower processing costs. Items not accepted cannot be picked out now. The recycling is not sorted in Carroll County; the landfill is just a transfer station. Paper should not have food stains. Electronics, batteries, light bulbs, etc. should be taken to the landfill. Food packaging cannot be recycled because it is contaminated with food. Discussion was held about where to recycle certain items: CFL bulb to Lowe’s or Home Depot; computer monitors to Staples; and TVs (and other electronics) to Best Buy. Cardboard, such as that from shipping boxes, is currently profitable, which makes it a benefit to the County at this time to receive high volumes of cardboard in good condition. Packaging such as is used for Capri Sun juice is not yet accepted for recycling. Plastic shopping bags are best returned to the store for recycling.

A contract was signed in 2008 which is good thru 2015. Maria handed out a chart (attached). Trash is not to be mixed with the recycling. There is no need to separate recycle items. Haulers will mix all recyclable items set out, even if set out separately. However, they should not be mixing trash and recyclables. People should call the hauler if they observe this happen.

Recycling amounts dropped overall from 2013 to 2014. The recycling data has to be reported to MDE annually.

10. OTHER –

Nothing additional.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 225 -15: Motion was made by Ellen Cutsail and seconded by Josh Hatkin to adjourn the July meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Reagan Room of the County Office Building.