



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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Department of Land
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Meeting Summary for September 19, 2018

Members

- Curtis Barrett (absent)
- Ellen Cutsail
- Jesse Drummond
- David Hynes
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tiffany VanDerwerker
- Frank Vleck

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/
EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Karen Miller, Recording Secretary

Other Attendees

- Sandra Zebal

1. CALL TO ORDER –

Mr. Vleck, Chair, officially called the September 19, 2018, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Reagan Room of the County Office Building.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

Discussion/Decision:

Approval of the August 15, 2018, minutes was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion 318-18: Motion was made by Ellen Cutsail and seconded by Charlene Norris to approve the August 15, 2018, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

4. CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS –

a. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Discussion/Decision:

- There was not a quorum at the last meeting, thus there was no new information to report. The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for December 6.

Action Items:



b. FuTuRe Pilot Program in New Windsor

Discussion/Decision:

- Some members have received feedback from residents with concerns about paying for trash collection twice, since they are already paying through their town taxes.

Action Items:



5. STAFF LIASION REPORT –

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Vleck reminded members to read their EAC emails, to respond accordingly, including attendance, and to review all materials sent.
- A draft of the 2019 Work Plan and any additional ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Members wanted to continue to receive hardcopies of the handouts. They will be three-hole punched.
- Ms. Dinne has not received a response yet from the Prince George’s County composting facility operator regarding a tour.

Action Items:



Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. NEW BUSINESS –

- None.

7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –

a. Polystyrene Foam Reduction Report – Approval

Discussion/Decision:

- No additional changes were discussed.
- This report will be presented to the Board at the same time that the Community Solar report is presented. It will be posted online after it is presented to the Board.

APPROVAL OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM REDUCTION FINAL REPORT – Motion 319-18: Motion was made by Ellen Cutsail and seconded by Craig Paskoski to approve the polystyrene foam reduction final report as written. Motion carried.

Action Items:



Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

b. Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of Environmental Awareness Award Winners – Discussion

Discussion/Decision:

- The Tree Planting Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2018, at 3:00 PM at Carroll

Community College (CCC) in the grove behind K-Building. Ms. Dinne reviewed the program. Details for delivery of the donated trees will be provided after coordination with the County Forester.

- Ms. Dinne relayed to the Community College that the EAC suggested any possible involvement by the EAC in replacing trees that were lost on campus should occur in the spring.

Action Items:

- ★ Ms. Dinne: Contact County Forester to coordinate the tree grove sign installation and delivery/planting of trees prior to the ceremony.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. Plastic Shopping Bag Reduction Project – Discussion

Discussion/Decision:

- This project will be similar in scope and the report similar in content to the expanded polystyrene project and report.
- Each member reviewed the content that proposed to be included in the report based on his or her research. Feedback for additional content included:
 - Define the types of plastic bags that are the subject of the report,
 - Describe which types of plastic shopping bags are recyclable in general and which are recyclable in Carroll County,
 - Indicate the percentage of plastic shopping bags that are returned or collected for recycling, and
 - Identify what the stores do with the bags after they are collected.
- If a survey was considered, it would be included in the section identifying possible next steps section for the Board to consider.
- The next steps were reviewed. Any additional content will be added to the notes outline. The initial text for each section will be drafted by October 11 in the shared document. Ms. Dinne will edit to create compiled draft. The compiled draft will be ready for EAC members to review for the November 28 meeting.

Action Items:

- ★ EAC Members: Finish any additional research based on feedback and add to content outline notes by October 11.
- ★ EAC Members: Draft initial text for assigned content in shared document by October 11.
- ★ Ms. Dinne: Edit compiled initial draft and prepare for review by full EAC by November 21.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

d. Residential Graywater Public Outreach – Discussion

Discussion/Decision:

- Ms. Dinne presented the background of Maryland Senate Bill 496 (SB 496) Environment – Graywater – Residential Uses in preparation for the upcoming research and development of public outreach materials. SB 496 was approved by Governor Hogan on May 15, 2018. The bill requires Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to draft regulations to prescribe how residential graywater reuse can be implemented by a homeowner. MDE originally anticipated draft regulations by October 2018,

but is now anticipated for an undetermined date.

Action Items:



Reference/Attachment(s):

- [PowerPoint: Residential Graywater, September 19, 2018](#)

e. SolSmart – Update

Discussion/Decision:

- The application was submitted on September 17, 2018. Based on our eligibility on the application, the review committee will be evaluating Carroll County for the Silver designation. A decision on the designation should be made in October.
- It was suggested that the SolSmart designation, assuming we receive it, be added to the Environmental Stewardship booklet the next time it is updated.

Action Items:



Ms. Dinne Add the SolSmart designation under the Solar section of the 2019 Environmental Stewardship in Carroll County booklet.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

8. OTHER –

- No other business was raised.

Action Items:



Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

9. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the Reagan Room of the County Office Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION 317-18: Motion was made by Ellen Cutsail and seconded by David Hynes to adjourn the September 19, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ *Tree Planting Ceremony – Friday, September 28, 2018 @ 3:00 PM – Carroll Community College*
- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, County Office Building*