

MINUTES
Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
April 22, 2015, 7:00 PM
Loch Raven Conference Room, 111 W. Chesapeake, Towson, MD 21204

Attendance: Linda Davis, Steve Morsberger, Bill Breakey, Lois Jacobs (phone), Russell Donnelly, Rex Wright, Jim Burkman

Baltimore County Staff: Don Outen (EPS), Kui Zhao (Planning Dept.)

Guests: John Alexander (Dept. Planning - retired)

Absent: Brian Faith, Valerie Andoutsopoulos, Mary Gruver-Byers, Glenn Elseroad, Andy Miller, James Deriu

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Discussion on meeting minutes

- SM will send out meeting minutes via email for review and approval by CEQ members
- BB to review minutes and revise as necessary for version of meeting minutes to be posted on the website

III. Discussion on updates from conversations with Council Members

- LJ updates from conversations with Vicki Almond (District 2)
 - Roaches Run area split by Reisterstown Road. Water quality upstream of Reisterstown Road is considered good or better than poor water quality downstream of Reisterstown Road.
 - Dunbarton Community has had recent stormwater management improvements that are a good step in the right direction.
 - Thoughts that road salt issues will be evaluated over time.
 - Conservation Burial Bill was approved offering opportunity for natural burials. This will still require compliance with state regulations and not happen without a process and all voice being heard.
 - Two (2) planned District Bus Tours discussed for all Council members and staff for all to review and evaluate each other Districts. Mention that Districts 6 and 7 would be first on the list of tours.
 - Discussion on having an “umbrella” community meeting for all communities in District 2. LJ commented that this is a great idea and indicated that Vicki would be passing the idea onto other Council members. CEQ members could attend these meetings. RW indicated that this is part of the CEQ mandate and is something that we have not been able to accomplish.
- RD updates from conversations with Todd Crandell (District 7)
 - Liked idea of meeting with CEQ

- Also mentioned “umbrella” community meeting for all communities in District 7
- LD updates from conversations with Wade Kach (District 3)
 - Think about tree mitigation banks and their unsuccessfulness
 - Concern about County owned land sometimes coming up for sale. Which properties would be worth owning from an environmental perspective?
 - How could CEQ help determine zoning decisions?

IV. Deer Management

- Previous techniques – harvesting, predators and sterilization
- New concept of farmers receiving money from hunters to hunt farm land
- Don offered to present previous PowerPoint presentations on deer management at next meeting

V. Potential future topics

- Forest mitigation banks
- County open space properties
- Zoning recommendations
 - Bullet list
 - Tools to consider

VI. Scheduled Meetings: May 27, and June 24

VI. Adjourn 8:55