

Minutes
Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
February 24, 2016, 7:00 PM
Dept. of Environmental Protection & Sustainability, Room 319: County Office Building,
111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204

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www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html

Attendance: Glenn Elseroad, Bill Breakey, Andy Miller, Brian Fath, Valerie Andoutsopoulos, Linda Davis, Rex Wright, Russell Donnelly, German Mora, Carol Newill, Lois Jacobs, Steve Morsberger

Baltimore County Staff: Brian Lindley, Amelia Atkins, Kui Zhao

Absent: James Deriu, Mary Gruver-Byers

Welcome and Introductions

I. Old Business

- Review of 2014 annual report: An updated version of the report with amendments suggested by Commission members including items on plastic bags and invasive species. Copies will be sent to EPS and to the County Council before posting on the web site.
- Management hunts for deer at Oregon Ridge (25 deer) and Cromwell Valley Park (50 deer) will go forward in March. Based on data from Baltimore County deer management studies, this may not significantly address over-population. There had been a county ordinance against harming an animal in a park and the County Council had to change the rules in order to allow the hunt to go forward. On private land, farmers can get permission for a certain number of deer to be taken if crop damage caused by deer can be demonstrated.

II. Group Discussion

- Debrief/update on the Patriot Plaza planning and design: A concept plan was selected from the recent contest (EDSA landscape architecture design firm) and presented to the County Council, but the County decided to table the decision, so the contract has not yet been awarded. There was discussion of the Commission's role regarding Patriot Plaza redevelopment. It is not clear exactly what role the Commission could have except possibly reviewing and providing some comments, unless we were asked for input. We could potentially reach out to the designer and offer our support. We could offer input and it may be advantageous for a design group to come in and talk to us to get our feedback.
- There is an effort to obtain the old Radebaugh nursery property and Towson Manor (across from the Towson library) to create parks and the County Executive also wants the Patriot Plaza renovation to go ahead. These items are being discussed with the Council. The purchase of the two park properties can be made with state open space funds. Senator Jim Brochin and Delegate Steve Lafferty have put in a bond initiative to allow for the demolition of greenhouse buildings and removal of impervious surfaces at those park areas and Mr. Kamenetz will support it.

- There is also an interest for implementing improvements to help with flooding of Herring Run. There is currently a riparian buffer along Herring Run about 15 feet wide next to the Radebaugh property.
- Councilman David Marks has indicated that he wishes that the Commission could help in providing knowledgeable insight about what is happening with climate change and County waterfront property. The districts with significant waterfront are 1, 6 and 7. The Commission would like to have more specific details of what his questions are or what we should investigate.
- Commissioner Glenn Elseroad noted that farmers in Maryland all have nutrient management plans.
- Further discussion on the Road Salt topic was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Adjourn

Next Meetings: 7:00 p.m., regular meetings

- March 23, 2016
- April 27, 2016
- May 25, 2016