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Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

November 30, 2016 7 PM

Dept. of Environmental Protection & Sustainability, Room 319: County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204

CEQ meeting dates, membership information, and reports are available online
Here: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceeq/index.html

Present: Brian Lindley, Lois Jacobs, Rex Wright, Brian Fath, Qui Zhao, Linda Davis, Andy Miller, Brian Bernstein, Carol Newll

Open Meeting

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Lois Jacobs, Acting Chair
- II. Discuss and approve minutes of October 19th.
Minutes were approved once a quorum was in attendance.
- III. Updates on CEQ Member Appointments
 - MaryGruver-Byers – will be replaced on the CEQ by a new representative from the 6th district.
We are waiting for Cathy Bevins to approve a new representative.
 - Karen Wynn now represents the 7th district.
 - Three positions still vacant – districts 3 & 4, Environmental Organization Representative
- IV. Old Business
 - CEQ meeting room : stay here or move to larger room – Brian Lindley, Lois Jacobs
We used to meet in a room in the Jefferson Building but we ran into a conflict with other groups when we met on other weeks besides the fourth Wednesday. But if there is a list of scheduled meetings we can check to see if the room is available. In fact we are already booked for the remaining dates on this year's calendar. Everyone in attendance agreed that we should move back to the Jefferson Building Chesapeake Room.
 - Permanent Chair Person (or Co-chairs): we should make a decision by January Meeting
Nobody has yet volunteered to take on the position as permanent chair. We need to find a nominee or nominees. There could be co-chairs. Lois is willing to see us through this month but the recommendation is that we should resolve this at the next meeting in January.

- V. Presentation & Discussion : Report on Solar Facilities – Linda, Lois & sub-committee. Report to EPS & Council members before December 5th (Kach input meeting).

Linda put the draft report on the screen to allow us to scroll through it in sequence. We worked most of the way through the report before adjourning. Linda and Brian Fath will take care of fina edits and Brian will deliver the report on Friday Dec. 2.

VI. New Business

- Legislative Updates - None

- Future Topics/issues/speakers – Rona Kobell, Chesapeake Bay Journal reporter, invited to speak to CEQ.

- Important Dates (Solar Bill)

Wade Kach’s input meeting on Dec. 5 will be in the Council room. Lois and Linda will be present and some others may be able to attend. Our report should be submitted in advance. There will be presentations by various community groups as well as private-sector representatives; we are not sure which agencies will be represented – we believe Planning will be there, not sure yet about EPS. The official work session/hearing is on Dec. 13 at 2 pm in the same room. Wholesale changes can be made up until that meeting. Anyone who wants to testify on that date needs to arrive early (maybe 15 minutes early) and sign up on the list of speakers. Whoever represents us may want to work with other CEQ members to prepare. Carol will be there to testify about Radebaugh Park. Brian Fath hopes to be able to attend as well as Linda and Lois. Between Dec. 13 and Dec. 19, which is the official Council meeting with a vote to be scheduled, it is still possible for amendments to be offered.

VII. Adjourn – 9:35 p.m.

Next Meetings: 7:00 PM, regular meetings

- January 25, 2017
- February 22, 2017
- March 22, 2017
- April 26, 2017
- May 24, 2017