

## MINUTES

Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

September 27, 2017, 7 PM

Jefferson Building, Chesapeake Room, **105** W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

CEQ meeting dates, membership information, and reports are available online

Here: [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html)

Present: Lois Jacobs, Andy Miller, Linda Davis, Valerie Androutsopoulos, Brian Lindley, Karen Wynn, Dan Doerfer, Chris Davis (Planning), Andrea Rogers (Speaker).

Excused Absences: Brian Bernstein, Glenn Elseroad, Brian Fath, Carol Newill.

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Lois Jacobs, Chair
- II. Correct and approve minutes of May 24, 2017 meeting.  
Members in attendance discussed the draft minutes. Lois will revise and distribute for approval at the next meeting.
- III. Speaker- Andrea Rogers, Baltimore County Dept. of Public Works (DPW),  
“Analytical Sidewalk Model for ADA Compliance”  
A GIS weighting system for relative importance for pedestrian activity.  
Mrs. Rogers used a Power Point Presentation to demonstrate that different factor weighting schemes separate “themes” (e.g. schools, transportation public facilities and services, seniors, disabilities/ADA compliance, Commerce, development, culture, Recreation) produce maps of different geographic importance; these patterns help determine where ADA compliant sidewalks are needed. The model(s) are based on a survey still ongoing.
- IV. Update on Solar Bill – passed July 3, 2017. CEQ is to participate in a review led by the Planning Board. Lois will contact its chair on how to proceed, and follow up on permit applications.
- V. Fall Harvest Field Trip - Glenn will see if this can be arranged and send out notice to CEQ members.
- VI. Sub-committees: Litter Issues and Urban Tree Canopy.
  - A. Litter – avenues of action identified include: prevention, code enforcement, schools, dumpster cameras and neighborhood awareness. CEQ should support a variety of issues – not ne strategy. Include recycling and county trash reduction. The pros and difficulties of glass bottles were also discussed. Valerie will follow up on China’s import ban on 20 recyclable items. Members are to review CEQ Plastic Bags Report.
  - B. Urban Tree Canopy.
    1. Baltimore Sun article of 9-6-17.  
This is to be saved for next meeting. Andy will contact article co-author Morgan Grove for a possible presentation to CEQ.

2. Lack of inter-agency coordination on urban tree cover – the CEQ needs to discuss and look into this problem – also permit and enforcement issues. Three existing reports will be reviewed to help in this process.

VII. Adjourn 8:47 pm.

Next regular Meetings 7 PM:

- October 25, 2017
- November 29, 2017
- January 24, 2018
- February 28, 2018
- March 28, 2018
- April 25, 2018