

MINUTES

Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

January 24, 2018, 7 PM

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

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Attendance: Lois Jacobs, Andy Miller, Linda Davis, Carol Newill, Valerie Androutsopoulos, Chris Overcash, Lynda Eisenberg, Glenn Elseroad, Brian Lindley, Kui Zhao, Brian Bernstein, Rex Wright.

Excused Absences: Dan Doerfer, Karen Wynn.

Open Meeting

- I. Welcome and Introductions/Remarks – Lois Jacobs, Chair
Lynda Eisenberg, Commissioner for District 4.

Lynda Eisenberg – Acting Director of Carroll County Dept. of Planning; background in environmental science at UMBC, environmental science and planning at Towson, past work with US Fish and Wildlife Service and Chesapeake Conservation Corps and Md Dept. of Planning. This is her first meeting as appointee from District 4.

- II. Comments on Working Draft of 10-25-17 minutes. This will be a CEQ reference document. Commissioners should read and/or review this draft before Wednesday's meeting.

No need to vote on a working draft; no objections to the content were expressed.

- III. Discuss and Approve 10-25-17 minutes (short form) which are to be posted to the CEQ web-site. If there are major corrections or changes, approval will be at the February 28th meeting.

Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously.

- IV. Painted Trees Report –Linda Davis.
Discuss/Revise/Approve final draft and review next steps.

Everyone should have received and read the revised draft sent out by Linda to the members of CEQ. Linda put the revised draft with Track Changes up on the screen for discussion. Brian Fath offered to write the cover letter and to do the final proofing and the formatting for the document. After draft is finalized the last step is to print and deliver the document; we need nine copies.

We walked through the entire text to review changes and agreed on final language for the report, which will be delivered to the members of the County Council and the Directors of the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. Linda will make the final changes and forward to Brian Fath. He will circulate the cover letter and the final document and letter will be forwarded to Brian

Bernstein to be printed.

- V. Discuss working draft of 11-29-17 minutes – should we ask for a Power Point copy? Focus of Speaker (Dr. Morgan Grove) was on the LIDAR process - he did not discuss the benefits of Urban Tree Cover he wrote about in the Sun Article of 9-6-17. We can make these benefits (and the article) part of the CEQ focus on the Urban Tree Canopy in future discussions and/or report.

The management of trees is complicated by the roles of multiple different agencies which don't really sit down together to discuss policy for trees or maintenance of canopy, especially urban canopy. In some ways Baltimore City has more internal collaboration on tree policy than Baltimore County.

The draft minutes are relatively brief. Some suggestions were made to shorten them a little (use bullet points, remove a couple of specific references) in order to generate the official copy. There was general agreement that the minutes are a good representation of the meeting but there was a request for clarification on one point from Morgan Grove's presentation. We are waiting for his response to a question after which the minutes will be brought back for approval.

- VI. Adjourn. 8:58 p.m.