

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting  
Robinson Nature Center – Columbia, MD  
January 9, 2020  
7pm-9pm

### Attendees

James Zoller	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Leah Miller	OCS
Christ Tsien	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Amber Butler	ESB
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Mark Southerland	Resident
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Christine Conn	ESB
Athena Verghis	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Matthew Hoover	OCS
Kevin Porter	Resident
Larry Lemanski	Resident

### Minutes

7:05 PM – Olivia Farrow began the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

**1.) Roving Radish Update – Office of Community Sustainability: James Zoller**

James Zoller discussed the Roving Radish and other programs being run or assisted through the Office of Community Sustainability. The programs he reviewed were the Farm Academy, Days of Taste, Truck or Treat, Weekend Warrior, and HoCo Fresh.

**2.) Meeting Minutes Vote – November 14, 2019 – Vote**

Christine Conn motioned to approve, and Chris Tsien seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved the Meeting Minutes.

**3.) Director’s Report – Office of Community Sustainability: Josh Feldmark**

Josh Feldmark announced that the Howard County Energy Analyst started on Monday 1/6/20.

The Solar Task Force is going to begin soon, and James Zoller is the chair of the Task Force. Josh reviewed the tasks they are going to review and the timeline for the Task Force.

**4.) Committee Reports**

Legislative Breakfast Committee: The event had ninety-one attendees. They discussed with the Board things they liked about the breakfast and ways to improve it.

Bird Safe Buildings Committee: A Bird Safe Buildings bill is being shopped around for sponsors.

Green Apple Award Committee: The award is for Howard County teachers that go above and beyond their daily responsibilities to increase student awareness of environmental issues. Nominations can be submitted from 2/1/20 to 4/1/20 and the winners will be announced during the first week of May. [\(Link\)](#)

Resilience/Climate Change Workgroup: Had their first meeting and they are looking at a broad approach to risk prevention.

## **5.) Announcements**

Students organized a climate strike outside of the Howard County George Howard Building.

The Environmental Sustainability Board's February meeting is cancelled and the next one will be held in March.

Free Bikes for Kidz gave out 412 bikes in January and 38 were given to Howard County schools.

Meeting adjourned 8:43 PM.