

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting
Robinson Nature Center – Columbia, MD
November 14, 2019
7pm-9pm

Attendees

Chris Tsien	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Amber Butler	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB (Chair)
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Kelly Hensing	ESB
Mark Southerland	Resident
Christine Conn	ESB
Paul Kazyak	Johns Hopkins University
Beth Decker	Safe Skies MD
Carolyn Parsa	Safe Skies MD, Sierra Club
Kim Drake	Sierra Club, CA Climate Change Committee
Larry Liebesman	Environmental Attorney
Kevin Porter	Resident
Tom Paxton	ESB
Josh Feldmark	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Matt Hoover	OCS

Minutes

7:02 PM – Olivia Farrow began the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

1.) The State of the Chesapeake Bay: Forward progress or slipping beneath the waves – Paul Kazyak

Paul Kazyak reviewed the state of the Chesapeake Bay. He went over some tests and studies that were completed in the last few years.

2.) Meeting Minutes Vote – October 10, 2019 - Vote

Nancy McAllister motioned to approve, and Georgia Eacker seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved the minutes.

3.) Forest Conservation: OCS – Joshua Feldmark

Josh reviewed the updates that were made in the Forest Conservation Act. The last update was completed in 1999. A couple of the things he reviewed were the fee-in-lieu and alternative compliance.

4.) Director's Report: OCS – Joshua Feldmark (Solar Task Force)

A bill was passed on Monday November 11, 2019 to create a solar task force. In the legislation it states the Environmental Sustainability Board will oversee the task force.

Josh advised that the Office of Community Sustainability is hiring an Energy Analyst.

5.) Spotted Lantern Fly in MD – Amber Butler

Amber advised that she has been reading articles about the Spotted Lantern Fly and there are some Maryland counties under quarantine.

6.) Committee Reports

Legislative Breakfast Committee: The event will be held on January 7, 2020. Some state delegates have advised they will be attending. Howard Community College is going to provide the space and Howard Hughes is sponsoring the event.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 PM.