

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting
Robinson Nature Center – Columbia, MD
October 10, 2019
7pm-9pm

Attendees

Tom Paxton	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Christine Con	ESB
Amber Butler	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Mark Southerland	Guest/Committee Member
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Julie Costantino	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Athena Verghis	ESB
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Chris Tsien	ESB
Josh Feldmark	OCS
Matt Hoover	OCS

Minutes

7:13 PM – Olivia Farrow began the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

1.) Bee City USA – Office of Community Sustainability: Julie Costantino

Julie Costantino reviewed Bee City USA with the Board. Howard County joined Bee City USA to show a commitment to sustaining pollinators in Howard County which was established through an executive order by the County Executive Calvin Ball. Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society that is committed to protecting pollinators. For more information regarding Bee City USA please visit <https://www.beecityusa.org/>.

2.) Meeting Minutes Vote – September 12, 2019

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

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

Josh Feldmark reviewed the Pesticide Policy, a companion bill for a moratorium for solar on agricultural properties and the creation of a task force, a bill for a comprehensive update of the Forest Conservation Act and a bill regarding a comprehensive waiver reform.

4.) Committee Reports

Legislative Breakfast – Announced that the 2nd Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 7, 2020.

8:39 PM – The meeting was adjourned.