

**Environmental Sustainability Board
Robinson Nature Center
December 10th, 2015
7:00-9:00pm**

Attendees:

Name	Association
Ned Tillman	ESB
Cathy Hudson	ESB
Mark Southerland	ESB
Ed Wilson	ESB
Tom Paxton	ESB
Catherine Strawley	ESB
John Dove	ESB
Betsy Singer	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Chein-Chi Chang	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Margo Deusterhaus	Citizen
Carl DeLorenzo	County Administration
Bill Mahoney	OCS

7:05 – Ned Tillman welcomed the attendees and asked Ed Wilson to brief the board on the second Energy Task Force Meeting.

Ed Wilson relayed that BGE gave a presentation on their incentive programs. Daryl Paunil from HC Bureau of Facilities created some action items, available for view in the Task Force’s website @ <http://livegreenhoward.com/green/energy/energy-task-force/> .

Daryl Paunil talked about the County’s budget for facilities since that is where many financial efficiencies are projected to be improved upon.

Carl DeLorenzo explained the County Executive’s main goals relating to energy, which are to keep the County efficient in its energy use, maximize the use of non-county dollars in energy projects, be prepared to supply energy in the face of natural disasters, and situate the county to benefit from growth in the commercial energy sector.

Jim, Ned, Laura, and Ed presented the Climate Action Plan to the County Council last week.

7:30 – Ned briefed the board on the meeting between Allan Kittleman, Carl DeLorenzo, Ned Tillman, Cathy Hudson and Jim Caldwell.

7:40 – Carl DeLorenzo verified Ned’s description of the previously mentioned meeting. He also briefed the board on aspects of the tier system set up by the Sustainable Growth & Agricultural Preservation Act

of 2012. The act affected about 30-50 properties in the rural west, at varying levels.

8:10 – The Board discussed succession within the board. Sandi Olek has stepped down from the Board. Olivia Farrow has been renominated. Both Ned Tillman and Betsy Singer's terms will expire in about one year. Betsy Hudson's term is about to expire. She is eligible to rejoin the board after a year of absence. Elections for a new chair and co-chair will occur at the next meeting. Kelly Hensing, a farmer from the west side of the County will be joining the Board as of February 15th.

Tom Paxton and Mark Southerland were both nominated for the soon to be vacant Vice Chair position.

8:20 – Ned proposed to draft a testimony for the public hearing on the Stormwater Fee. He will mail the proposed testimony to the board prior to the meeting so that the board can provide input.

8:30 – The board brainstormed ideas for topics we'd like to discuss over the coming year.

The board suggested inviting County cabinet members to meetings to hear about their priorities. Ned suggested reaching out to the new Director of Planning and Zoning to get him acquainted with the ESB.

Mark Southerland brought up that DRP is unveiling a masterplan this year and that we may want to provide feedback on that. Mark also suggested organizing this year's meetings differently by looking at the various County institutions at each meeting, rather than discussing major areas of Sustainability as we had in 2015.

Tom Paxton suggested a meeting on life cycle analysis for County properties and County owned products. Others suggested having a meeting surrounding a representative from Bith energy.

Catherine Strawley presented about a highschool age environmental organization that she is involved with that Chein-Chi is an advisor for. The ESB agreed to support and promote the program.

8:50 – Meeting Adjourned