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April 9, 2020
7pm-9pm

Attendees

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| Olivia Farrow | Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) |
| Ann Strozyk | ESB |
| Kelly Hensing | ESB |
| Christine Conn | ESB |
| Nancy McAllister | ESB |
| Amber Butler | ESB |
| Brooke Abercrombie | ESB |
| Larry Liebesman | Resident |
| Josh Feldmark | Office of Community Sustainability (OCS) |
| Kim Drake | CA Climate Change Committee |
| Mark Southerland | Resident |
| Matt Hoover | OCS |

Minutes

7:05 PM – Olivia Farrow began the meeting and announced that she is the outgoing chair. A new chair will be voted on during the next meeting.

Brooke Abercrombie, the new Board member, introduced herself. She is the former Deputy Director of Howard Eco Works.

1.) Howard County Conservancy with Schools Update: Ann Strozyk

They are working with students to start a climate change network in November. They are going to start off by doing some small-scale projects in school yards.

2.) Meeting Minutes Vote – January 9, 2020 – Vote

Kelly Hensing motioned to approve, and Amber Butler 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 Office of Community Sustainability is working more or less entirely as a telework office. While not at our full capacity – we are still functioning effectively and efficiently.

Roving Radish moved up the start date to 4/13/20. They are only using hired staff and have no volunteers assisting them.

Farmer markets are working on the logistics to try to open during this time.

The County Council approved the resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into the multiyear power purchase agreement. It will allow 24 megawatts of solar on Howard County public and private property and Howard County Government will buy the power generated. There are no upfront capital expenses, it will generate 30% of County governments total power, and we will pay less per kwh than we are currently paying for power.

The FY21 budget is being reviewed and there are obstacles that Covid19 is causing.

The Solar Task Force postponed their public testimony meeting. Dani Phillips has taken over as co-chair and James Zoller remains the chair.

4.) Committee Reports/Updates/Announcements

The ESB 2019 Annual Report is currently being worked on.

Green Apple Award Committee: A secondary teacher and an elementary teacher were chosen to receive the award. Green Apple Award [Info](#).

The Howard County Conservancy is holding a 50th Anniversary Earth Day event on 4/22/20. It is going to be online via Twitter and Facebook.

Bill CB11, which would add LEED's bird safe building credits to Howard County's Green Building Law, if passed, was tabled.

The next Board of Elections will probably take place in July.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM.