

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting
Robinson Nature Center – Columbia, MD
February 21, 2019
7pm-9pm

Attendees

Ed Wilson	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Christine Conn	ESB
John Dove	ESB
Chen Chi Chang	ESB
Athena Verghis	ESB
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Mark Southerland	ESB
China Williams	County Council
Angela Cabellon	County Administration
Shaina Hernandez	County Administration
Jim Caldwell	Office of Community Sustainability

Minutes

7:00 PM – Mark Southerland began the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

1.) Environment Transition Committee Report

Mark went over the Transition Committee Report. His focus was on pages 33 to 37. ([Transition Report](#))

2.) Director's Report

- Howard County received the Maryland Smart Energy Community grant from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA).
- Howard County is pursuing a contract with Energy Cap to help track energy usage in Howard County.
- A grant application for \$200k was submitted for a new energy efficient data center.
- MS4 changes in accounting credits makes it look like Howard County will meet the 5-year permit mandate.
- The Agricultural Preservation Board (APB) continues to debate the best approach for Solar Farms on Agricultural Preservation Land (APL).
- Mark Southerland was given a certificate from the County Executive, Calvin Ball, for serving on the Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB).

3.) Subcommittee Reports

Green Apple Award – Nominations are open and will close on April 1, 2019. Ann Strozyk is trying to notify private schools of the award.

Plastics – Ann gave a presentation to teachers and PTA members about the challenge, which also went over what teachers can do in the classroom.

Bird Safe – Maryland State bill 314 (MD SB314 2019) is before the state legislature. The bill originated in Howard County.

4.) Action Items

Meeting minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting

Minutes were approved by all members in attendance.

Board Chair

Olivia Farrow was nominated and all members in attendance approved.

Vice Chair

Ann Strozyk was nominated and all members in attendance approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM.