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7pm-9pm

### Attendees

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

### Minutes

7:00 PM – Christine Conn began the meeting and introduced James Zoller from the Office of Community Sustainability.

#### 1.) **Food Insecurity: Roving Radish (Office of Community Sustainability) – James Zoller**

Mr. Zoller provided an update for the Roving Radish. The Roving Radish began their season three weeks early due to COVID-19. Their meal kit average has increased from last season's average and the subsidized meal kit purchases have increased too. They are only using staff and have no volunteers currently working with them.

Roving Radish is working with the Office of Community Resources (OCR) to supply essential kits to families in need. They are assisting with the Weekend Warrior pilot program in Western Howard County. They made and delivered 365 salad kits at Guilford Elementary for the Days of Taste program. They have also been working with the Office of Aging to store meals for their Meals on Wheels program.

The Kitchen for the Roving Radish is going to move to the Long Reach Village Center. They are waiting for the permits and anticipate the move to be soon.

#### 2.) **Meeting Minutes Vote – May 14, 2020 – Vote**

A correction was made in the update section of the Minutes where it stated, “**Stormwater** Task Force” in the draft to “**Solar** Task Force update.” Mr. Liebesman motioned to approve, and Ms. Abercrombie seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved the updated Minutes.

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

Howard County received four National Association of Counties (NACO) awards and two through the Office of Community Sustainability. One is for the Turf to Trees program and other is for the Weekend Warrior program. Both programs have robust partnerships with other departments within Howard County Government. The Turf to Trees program is a partnership with Recreation and Parks and the Weekend Warriors program is a partnership with the Office of Community Resources.

Howard County was awarded two grants from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) totaling 109k for design funds. A \$9k grant to plan a combined heat and power chip system at the Howard County Detention Center and \$100k to plan a microgrid project at the George Howard Complex that includes the Warfield Building, the 911 Center and the Roger Carter Center.

**4.) Committee Reports/Updates/Announcements**

Resilience Committee Update: Ms. Conn advised that they have scheduled their first meeting and are going to start scoping out various elements of resiliency. The committee is set up to identify resilience needs in Howard County and research on how to address those needs.

Ms. Abercrombie brought up a concern in addressing the African American community and the environment, as well as getting more African American people aware and involved with environmental issues. She wanted to get some ideas from the Board of where they would want to focus and start.

Willie Flowers is going to be heading up a working group class on racial reconciliation for Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD).

In January the Howard County Conservancy began to celebrate their 30-year anniversary. One of their goals to celebrate their anniversary was to reach out and work with 30 diverse organizations.

There will be no July and August ESB meetings.

The Bird Safe Building legislation is going to be considered Monday at a public meeting and will be voted on July 6.

The Low Impact Landscaping Bill MD-HB279 passed the house before the general assembly closed and that is another Bill that is coming up for review.

Green Drinks gathering are every other Thursday at 5:30pm on Zoom. ([Facebook Link](#))

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM.