

Held on-line and by phone through Webex  
Meeting login info: ([Webex info](#))

June 10, 2021  
7pm-9pm

### Attendees

Chris Tsien	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Necolle Maccherone	Baker International
Michael Yaffe	Baker International
Jeremy Scharfenberg	Columbia Association (CA)
Josh Feldmark	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Natasha Shangold	Guest
Tiffany Talay	Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Christine Conn	ESB
Daniel Natale	Baker International
Brooke Abercrombie	ESB
Ruth White	Guest
Larry Liebesman	ESB
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Kim Drake	Guest
Mark Southerland	Guest
Matthew Hoover	OCS

### Minutes

7:05 PM – Ms. Conn began the meeting and had everyone who was in attendance introduce themselves.

#### 1) Columbia Association Climate Vulnerability Assessment ([overview](#))

- Necolle Maccherone: Baker International
- Michael Yaffe: Baker International
- Jeremy Scharfenberg: Columbia Association

An [overview](#) of the Columbia Association Climate Vulnerability Assessment was provided. It will examine impacts related to flooding, increased precipitation, and extreme temperatures using the best available climate science data. It will analyze how vulnerable the CA's assets may be to each climate change impact and will provide preliminary guidance on mitigation measures for at risk assets. The methodology they are going to use is informed by the U.S. Climate Resilient Toolkit's Five Steps to Resiliency which are Explore Hazards, Assess Vulnerability and Risk, Investigate Options, Prioritize and Plan, and Take Action. The focus is going to be on socially vulnerable communities.

#### 2) Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021 (Vote)

Mr. Liebesman motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Ms. Farrow. All members in attendance approved the minutes.

### **3) Director's Report: Office of Community Sustainability – Josh Feldmark**

Funding was approved for Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) projects and an updated Climate Action Plan.

Howard County is estimating they will receive \$750k from the Bag Fee. The funds generated from the fee must be used for an environmental purpose. Some of the funds received are going to be used for grants.

The Solar ZRA was passed.

Howard County is going to apply for LEED for Cities and Communities. ([link](#))

The logistics of getting EV Charging stations more accessible to the community and building EV infrastructure within in Howard County was discussed.

### **4) Committee Updates**

Resiliency Committee – Assisted in setting up the Baker International presentation tonight. They are continuing to gather information and educating themselves on resiliency issues. They are focusing in on working with the Office of Community Sustainability and the County Government. They are going to take a break during the summer and reconvene in September.

Environmental Diversity Justice and Equity (EDJE) – Focus is narrowing in on a couple areas. One is access to the Green Infrastructure Network by underserved EJ communities of color. Another key area is getting an assessment of where sustainability services are provided to EJ underserved communities. They are also figuring out how to make themselves available within those communities.

### **5. Announcements**

No ESB meeting in July and August.

A retreat will be held at the Conservancy for the ESB meeting in September.

Safe Skies MD and the Howard Community College are having a free forum on bird safe buildings on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.