

Held on-line and by phone through Webex
Meeting login info: ([Webex info](#))
September 9, 2021

Attendees

Brooke Abercrombie	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Christine Conn	ESB
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Matt Hoover	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Kim Drake	Guest
Matt Johnston	Anne Arundel County (AACO)
Liz Feigner	Guest
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Josh Feldmark	OCS
Mark Southerland	Guest
Ruth White	Guest

Minutes

7:07 PM – Ms. Conn began the meeting and had everyone who was in attendance introduce themselves.

1) Anne Arundel County Resilience Authority: Anne Arundel County Environmental Policy Director – Matthew Johnston ([Legislative Summary](#))

Mr. Johnston provided information about how the Resilience Authority was created, the goal of the Resilience Authority and who is going to run it. The Resilience Authority is a result of [Bill 31-21](#) being passed. It allows Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to create a financing group to fund resilience infrastructure in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis. The group will consist of a [Resiliency Authority Director](#) and a twelve-member Board of Directors. The goal of the Authority is to work with all levels of government, community organizations, non-profit organizations, business owners and private landowners to finance and construct infrastructure projects that mitigate the impacts of climate change for the general welfare or safety of the public.

2) Meeting Minutes June 10, 2021

Ms. Strozyk motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Ms. Abercrombie. All members in attendance approved the minutes.

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

[CB64-2021](#), a tree protection bill, was introduced on 9/8/21.

The RFP for the Climate Action Plan is currently being written.

There is going to be a press release to fill the four ESB vacancies. A Green Building Member, Energy Member, Student Member and a General Public Member are needed. One of the new members must be from District Map Three.

4) Committee Updates

Resiliency Subcommittee – The Climate Action Plan has been a focus during their meetings. They have gathered examples from other places and put the information together. They have spoken to the contractor for the CA vulnerability assessment, Michael Baker International.

Legislative Breakfast – Will discuss with the Board during the next meeting to decide if they will have the Legislative Breakfast.

5) Announcements

The CA vulnerability assessment is still being completed and they are creating a story map website.

On October 20, Howard Community College is having their Sustainability Day. Ms. Conn will be a guest on one of the panels. ([Flyer](#)) ([HCC Sustainability Day](#))

Maryland Matters has an article about Solar in Howard County on their website. ([Link](#))

The Beacon has an article about Solar in Howard County on their website. ([Link](#))

A list of possible upcoming Bills was posted in the chat. ([Link](#))

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 PM.