

Held on-line and by phone through Webex
Meeting login info: ([Webex info](#))
November 10, 2021

Attendees

Christine Conn	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Josh Feldmark	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Amber Butler	ESB
Brooke Abercrombie	ESB
Carl Latkin	Guest
Charlie Goedeke	Guest
Kim Drake	Guest
Larry Liebesman	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Marisa Olszewski	Recreation and Parks
Mark Southerland	Guest
Matthew Hoover	OCS
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Richard Deutschman	Guest
Ruth White	Guest
Niamh McQuillan	Sustainability Seal Project (Guest Speaker)

Minutes

7:04 PM – Ms. Conn began the meeting and had everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

1) Sustainability Seal Project ([Link](#)) – Niamh McQuillan

Ms. McQuillan is an educator for Baltimore County Public Schools and was a classroom teacher for 18 years. Now she is the Coordinator for Leadership Development for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Ms. McQuillan explained how the [Sustainability Seal Project](#) started and what it is. She shared the [website](#) with the Board. The idea behind the project is to have a global community set up to help end single use plastic. She reviewed the organization and Individuals sections on the site while also explaining the steps required for each. Baltimore, Dublin, and Berlin are cities that are currently participating.

2) Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021

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

The tree bill [CB64-2021](#) is still in front of the council along with three other tree bills.

There are four solar project PILOTs (payment in lieu of taxes) in front of the council.

The County is pursuing LEED for Cities and Communities. An interdepartmental team is currently working on it.

The last PREP (Plastic Reduction and Environmental Protection) Grant was awarded. The PREP Grants are being awarded to environmental organizations and most of the grants focus on education. The funds were generated from the Plastic Bag Fee.

The Plastic Reduction Act goes into effect January 1, 2022 and enforcement will start in July. A letter will be sent out to those impacted by the Act.

The Climate Action Plan [Request for Proposal](#) was released. Howard County received several questions from interested vendors.

The Board discussed how they wanted to hold future meetings. They decided to remain virtual and will discuss it again during a future meeting.

A discussion about Board members terms was brought up. The board will receive an update during an upcoming meeting.

A press release is going out soon to recruit residents for the vacant positions on the Board.

1) **Committee Updates**

Legislative Breakfast – The Breakfast will be held virtually with the assistance of Howard Community College (HCC).

Ms. Abercrombie provided a brief overview of the round table discussion held during HCC Sustainability Day. Mr. Southerland and Ms. Conn joined her on the panel. Some of the discussion was about the activities they do on the ESB and things they thought the Community College could be doing to support environmental efforts in the county.

Resiliency Committee – They are batting around ideas for approaches on resiliency adaptation and how the county can approach them. A summary of the [C2ES annual report](#) was completed and circulated out through the committee. They are planning on making the summary available to people who are interested in viewing it.

2) **Announcements**

CA is moving forward with its vulnerability study and a draft maybe available soon. The prototype is going to focus on vulnerability at Wilde Lake Village Center.

Building Energy Transition Plan ([Link](#)) - Link provided in chat.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM.