

Held on-line and by phone through Webex
Meeting login info: ([Webex info](#))
January 13, 2022

Attendees

Christine Conn	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Josh Feldmark	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Larry Liebesman	ESB
Brooke Abercrombie	ESB
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Mark Southerland	Guest
Kelly Hensing	ESB
Tim Lattimer	Columbia Association (Guest Speaker)
Kim Drake	Guest
Liz Feighner	Guest
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Matthew Hoover	OCS

Minutes

7:09 PM – Ms. Conn began the meeting and had everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

1) **Columbia Associations Climate Vulnerability Assessment – Tim Lattimer**

Mr. Lattimer provided an overview of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) project that Michael T. Baker International completed for the Columbia Association (CA). They embarked in the effort to provide a baseline assessment of the vulnerability of Columbia and the anticipated impacts of climate change.

Michael T. Baker International is going to be giving a presentation to the community on January 26 at 7:00 PM. During their presentation they are going to introduce the initiative and are going to talk about why climate change matters, its importance to the community, and how it connects to Columbia. They are going to do a live demonstration of an online tool they created called [Story Maps](#) during their presentation.

2) **Meeting Minutes November 10, 2021**

Ms. Farrow motioned to approve, and Mr. Liebesman seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor of approving the Minutes.

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

The press release to recruit ESB members should be sent out soon.

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

The Plastic Reduction Act began on January 1, 2022 and enforcement will begin on June 1, 2022

The Climate Action Plan vendor will be announced soon. The committee interviewed five vendors.

ESB meetings will continue to be held virtually and during an upcoming meeting the Board will decide how they want to hold their meetings in the future.

4) Ideas for future ESB speakers

The Board discussed possible speakers for upcoming meetings. Some of the suggestions were having local environmentally conscious businesses come in, the vendor selected for the Howard County Climate Action Plan attend a meeting, have someone from MDE review some of the reports they are currently working on, and a possible presentation on the Tree Canopy study that is being completed in Howard County.

5) Committee Updates

The Legislative Breakfast Committee – The Key Note Address was provided by Tim Lattimer and it was on the COP26 Report from Glasgow. Howard County Community College assisted the committee with the event. There were 92 people that attended the event online. They are in the process of putting the [slides](#) together from the event and sending them out to the attendees.

Resiliency Committee – They continue to meet monthly. They have continued to discuss the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) Annual Report, they have had discussions on how they can assist with the Howard County Climate Action Plan and have been discussing the value of stream restoration projects.

6) Announcements

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments recently released their Best Practices [guide](#).

[I Bird, I Vote Conservation Summit](#) is going to be held virtually on February 11th and 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.