

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Chris Roettgen, Craig Simmons, Holly Budd, Jane Dodds,
Peter Vogt, Autumn Phillips-Lewis

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Dorothea Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Sheila Stevens, Shelby Cross, Mike O'Donnell, Judith Okay, Sherrod
Sturrock

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Sherrod Sturrock, Director of Calvert County Marine Museum, and Judith Okay, a volunteer at Calvert Marine Museum, spoke on the environmentally friendly designs at the Marine Museum and how those ideas might be incorporated into other buildings.

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Roettgen and seconded by Commissioner Phillips-Lewis to approve last month's minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- V. **Old Business:**

a. Review Action Items from 12/10/18 EC Meeting —

- Calvert High STEM event- The Commission agreed to host an informational table at Calvert High's STEM fair on 2/23/19 and consider making a donation. Will Hager advised the Commission they might sponsor an award category next year by first submitting a proposal memo to Director Willis.
- Meeting start time- Will Hager reported Planning & Zoning's approval of an earlier start time for future Commission meetings. Commissioner Philips-Lewis motioned to begin future meetings at 6 pm rather than 6:30. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Vogt recommended contacting currently confirmed speakers and offering the chance to speak at either 6 pm or 6:30, while potential speakers should only be offered 6 pm.
- "Pump for the Bay" contest- Chris Roettgen offered the services of the Sustainability subcommittee to gather prizes from local vendors for the contest.
- Straw-free initiative- Sheila Stevens reported that some Calvert County schools would now only distribute straws by request only.
- Watershed Map- Will Hager reported that the Calvert GIS team expected the 2017 interactive watershed maps to be available online by the end of February.

- b. EC Shirt Purchase Follow-Up —Scarlett Dorothea Oller presented the Commission with the logo proof provided by the vendor. Commissioner Dodds voted to approve the logo, Commissioner Budd seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Scarlett Dorothea Oller agreed to order the shirts.
- c. Recruitment — The Commission reviewed the applications of Shelby Cross and Michael O'Donnell and spoke with both applicants. Michael O'Donnell mentioned he had a scheduling conflict for the next few months. After deliberating without the applicants in the room, the Commission told the applicants they would recommend Shelby Cross to the BOCC for immediate appointment and that Michael O'Donnell's application would be kept on file for later review when a vacancy is expected to open in April.
- d. Year-End Report to BOCC —Chair Klauda reported work was ongoing for the year-end report.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Chair Klauda presented a draft of Wastewater Management FAQs for the Commission's approval. Commissioner Craig Simmons motioned to send the draft to Planning & Zoning review. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Will Hager agreed to circulate the draft for Planning & Zoning review.

- b. Public Education/Outreach — Commissioner Jane Dodds brought up the topic of the upcoming STEM Expo on 2/23 and there was discussion on who would be able to attend and setting up the EC's table.
- c. Guest Speaker Subcommittee — The Commission reviewed the guest speakers scheduled for 2019. Commissioner Vogt suggested getting a Master Naturalist as a speaker. Commissioner Craig Simmons volunteered to ask his friend, a radon expert, to speak on the topic of radon safety.
- d. Sustainability Subcommittee—Christopher Roettgen reported work was ongoing to measure the County's carbon footprint.

VII. New Business:

- a. Request for Comments- December Comprehensive Plan — Chair Klauda volunteered to compose comments on the December draft of the Comprehensive Draft and to forward them to the Planning Commission.
- b. Public Information on Radon Facts — The Commission discussed the necessity and costs of radon testing and remediation. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis volunteered to contact the president of the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors regarding training realtors on the importance of radon testing before sale of a home.
- c. Ethics Training — Will Hager reminded the Commission that the County's annual ethics training was mandatory, regardless of previous trainings. He encouraged the Commission to sign up for a training session via an email link.

- d. Election of Chair and Vice Chair — Commissioner Roettgen nominated Commissioner Budd for Chair and Commissioner Klauda for Vice-Chair. Both candidates accepted the nominations. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Vogt moved the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- e. General Announcements — There were no announcements.
- f. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting — February 25, 2019

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.