

Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2009

Members Present: Brendan Sweeney, Chair Ron McClain
 John Barberio Peggy O'Brien
 Mike Collins Scott Sinex
 Scott Collinson

Staff: Dave Brownlee, Environmental Planner
 Pam Anderson, Secretary

Guests Barry King
 Mike Thomas
 Bill Teeter
 Earle Kirkley

Item #1, Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:30pm.

Item #2, Approval of Agenda: Scott Collinson motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Scott Sinex seconded and the motion carried.

Item #3, Approval of Minutes: Scott Sinex motioned to accept the March meeting minutes as presented, Scott Collinson seconded and all were in favor.

Item #4, Membership: John Barberio has been appointed to the Commission. Guest Earle Kirkley has submitted his application for consideration. Brendan's term is up for renewal. The Commission reviewed Earle's application. Scott Sinex motioned recommending him to complete Len's term and then for a second term since Len's term expires in June. Scott Collinson seconded, and the motion carried. Scott Collinson then motioned to reappoint Brendan for another term, Scott Sinex seconded, and all were in favor.

Item #5, Old Business:

A. Status on Action Items from Last Month – These were reviewed.

B. Discuss CCNPP tour & Approve Memo to BOCC – The draft memo was reviewed and edits were made. Lora needs to agree with the criteria for monitoring. Scott Sinex motioned approving the memo pending Lora's agreement, Scott Collinson seconded, and all were in favor. It was requested to have the SCD give a presentation at a future meeting. (At the end of the meeting, Lora gave her approval to the monitoring criteria via telephone.)

C. Discuss Presentation to BOCC on 2009 EC Goals & Projects – Brendan noted the presentation went well. He and Mike were in attendance and they have both typed up their notes from the meeting and will email them. The Board requested a return brief on LEED and recycling. The Board also motioned to support the EC goals. Dave will obtain minutes from the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

D. WRE Subcommittee Meeting with Greg – Ron gave an update on this meeting. Dave noted that staff will be starting fish sampling this week.

E. Task Tracker Implementation – Mike gave a demo on his laptop about using Toodledoo. The Commission will all need to join as Pro members, a \$15 charge per person. Ron motioned purchasing this membership for each EC member plus Dave and Pam; Scott

Collinson seconded and all were in favor. Dave will request payment for this through the County.

F. & G. PRAD 2009 & Pump for the Bay Contest – Letters to the septic haulers have been sent. Members are encouraged to continue trying to obtain prizes. A newspaper article should go out around the middle of May. Dave will send announcement to County employees, and will check the budget to see if there are enough funds to purchase more septic magnets.

H. EC Website Update – Mike has a working site ready, however, he needs content. He has obtained approval to have a link from the County website. It was agreed to add PRAD and Pump for the Bay Contest information and entry forms, and membership applications. Scott Sinex motioned to amend the website subgroup to include John Barberio, Brendan seconded, and all were in favor. The subgroup was then challenged to create a model website.

I. Calvert Memorial Hospital Seeks Guidance to Go “Green” – This item was deferred.

Item #6, New Business:

A. 2009 Update to the Calvert County Solid Waste Plan – Guest Barry King gave a PowerPoint presentation on the changes to the plan. It was noted that May 8th is the deadline for comments. The EC recommended public education on florescent bulb hazards and recycling.

B. Green Team & LEED Certification – It was noted that the Board of County Commissioners has requested a brief on LEED certification, however, it was unclear as to whom they wanted it from – the EC or the Green Team.

C. EC Meeting Timeframe – Scott Collinson proposed restructuring the meeting agenda to reflect having presentations from subgroups, and keeping to a set time per presentation, perhaps even having a timekeeper. This proposal was well received by the group and it was agreed to attempt the changes at the next meeting.

D. Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway (MAPP) Project – Information and aerial photos were distributed of the areas that Pepco is proposing to use as laydown/storage areas. Dave will send out the case number for this project.

E. Goal #3: Promote Utility of GIS to Facilitate Reviews of Site Plans & Acreage of Special Habitats – Scott Collinson noted that at this time the County GIS system has no library. John volunteered to work with Scott on this and will research what standards are being used.

F. ACLT Meeting on GBE Right of Way Vegetation Maintenance – Mike and Dave will be going to this meeting and will report back.

Item #7, Date & Agenda for Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

Scott Collinson motioned for adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson, Secretary
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~Action Items~

All	Work on obtaining prizes for PFTB contest
Dave	Membership issues Send memo to BOCC re: tour Arrange presentation from SEC Obtain minutes from BOCC meeting Payment for Toodledo PFTB announcement to County employees Check budget for funds to print more magnets Restructure meeting agenda – See 6C Send out MAPP Project case number
Brendan	Send out notes from BOCC presentation
Jena	Send thank yous to Constellation and Unistar
John	Work on website Research what standards are being used for County GIS
Lora	
Mike	Keep working on website
Pam	
Peg	
Ron	
Scott S.	