

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2019

Members Present: Jane Dodds, Ron Klauda, Sheila Stevens, Craig Simmons, Joanne Simmons, Shelby Cross

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Dorothea Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Linda Vassallo

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Linda Vassallo, Director of the Department of Communications and Media Relations (CMR), explained the nature and services of the newly formed CMR.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Review of Action Items from 4/29/19 Meeting — Commissioner Klauda reported he had given an FAQ flier to Commissioner Cross for edits. Will Hager reported John Swartz had declined to speak at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Klauda reported work with Commissioners Long-Bradley and Craig Simmons was ongoing for a draft of the Land FAQs. Will Hager reported he had looked into the guidelines of how the EC might send comments and recommendations to the BOCC: while the EC may offer input when public comments are requested, other dialogue should go through P&Z's Director Willis. Will Hager reported the Scientists Cliff's green dump mentioned at the April 29 meeting by Fran and Bruce Armstrong and by Commissioner Vogt was in the permitting process and use could resume when a permit was issued as long as that use was compliant with the permit.

- b. Shirt Distribution — Scarlett Oller distributed the corrected shirts.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Commissioner Klauda and Commissioner Cross reported ongoing work on the FAQ brochure. Will Hager reported the Sustainability and Air Quality FAQs had been sent to Planning & Zoning's Director Willis for approval. Will Hager agreed to ask Director Willis to put the Radon FAQ review on hold pending further research.
- b. Public Education/Outreach

- Green Living Festival: June 1, 2019 – Will Hager informed the EC of their registration in the Green Living Festival event. Commissioner Dodds offered to procure elements of previous displays for reuse. The EC discussed the logistics, equipment, handouts, and staffing of the booth. Commissioner Klauda encouraged commission members to volunteer to staff the booth.

Commissioner Dodds agreed to send a general “about the EC” brochure to Will and Scarlett for printing with the hopes of distributing it at upcoming events such as PRAD and local institutions such as libraries and the Health Department.

The EC discussed attending several events, including the “beach bash” hosted by Chesapeake Ranch Estates. The EC agreed to decline attending the beach bash this year but to consider attending next year.

- Revamp and Relaunch of the “Pump for the Bay” Contest – Commissioner Dodds agreed to update the existing brochure, then to coordinate with CMR and P&Z for final edits and approvals. The EC discussed drawing the contest winner at the October 28th meeting.
- c. Guest Speaker – Commissioner Klauda expressed a desire for more members of the public to attend the guest speaker talks. Commissioner Dodds recommended hosting a speaker at only alternating meetings.
- d. Sustainability – Because Commissioner Roettgen was unable to attend, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. New Business:

- a. General Announcements – The EC agreed to revisit the topic of meeting times at the next meeting with a quorum.
- b. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting – June 24, 2019

VIII. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.