

Subject	Monthly CC&SAC Meeting		
Date, Time, Location	11/14/18, 7:00 p.m. Long Reach Tennis Club		
Facilitator	Tim Lattimer, Chair	Scribe	Rachel Matney & Kimberlee Drake

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Tim Lattimer called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with the following members in attendance: Julian Levy, Rachel Matney, Kimberlee Drake, John Klein, Katherine McCarter, Luke Wisniewski, Robert Maretta, Chiara D'Amore, John Klein. Also present was CA Energy Manager Jeremy Scharfenberg, and CA Board Member Virginia Thomas.

2. Approval of Agenda – (Approved at 7:02 p.m.)

3. Resident Speak Out

- a. Ginny Thomas
 - i. Cups: has been working with CA staff on the previously discussed plastic/paper cup usage at CA facilities.
 - ii. Bathing suit plastic bags: Ginny also mentioned the use of plastic bags at the swimming facilities, there are different sizes currently available and some are way too big for a swimsuit, very wasteful. They would also like more recycling bins.
 - iii. December 13 is a CA meeting about stream erosion and she would like a member of our committee to attend
- b. Lenny Hartman (Owen Brown) & Paul – spoke to the recently passed bill in Howard County that requires all new residential construction (starting in January) to have charging stations in the parking lot (1 station per 25 apartment units, and new housing with garages will require wiring). SB168
 - i. Tim: CA committee is charged with surveying relevant legislation and providing recommendations to CA Board – do we know if this will be brought up again in the legislative session? This is something we will look into.

4. Old Business

A. Approval of October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approved with two corrections: clarify on page 1 that \$50K, if approved, would be for May 2019 and correct the date for the subsequent November 14 meeting.

- a. Approval of the Draft Charge:

B. Committee's Charge

Our draft charge was taken up at the Oct. 11 CA Board work session. Tim later communicated via email to the CC&SAC committee, recapping the board meeting. This charge was well received with a few questions: Ginny asked about money and what we might be requesting. We answered that we sought \$50K for an initial vulnerability assessment of CA properties and \$10K to support initial outreach and other start-up work. Greg Schwind asked if the committee might also look to propose legislation for CA advocacy. This was included in the charge approved by the Board.

5. New Business

A. Community Engagement subcommittee

Chiara reported out on the October 24th meeting with Howard County Climate Collaboration which brought together groups working in the climate space within Howard County. Meeting sought to create an open space to communicate and engage, identify gaps and begin a conversation about future directions. There were 34 people in the room representing two dozen organization. **Notes and slide deck has been posted to the google drive (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Uf6vbnIDDywgkVAtdXF_GRGUw1mqmoXI/view?usp=sharing).**

Next step: December 10th meeting (3-5 p.m.). The focus will be on having a legislative session for elected officials, (looking to have a Climate 101 session for elected officials for Howard County). Looking to have a conversation with them on what can we do in Howard County to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

- One need that was identified was looking to see how we can create a centralized sharing platform amongst these groups to share information – how can we exemplify the work being done.
- Find a way to reach the commercial industry to see what if anything they are doing
- Ginny mentioned the Gateway project – could this be a pilot to showcase good environmental practices from the beginning of the

development process. Something for the CA to keep an eye on and coordinate with Jeremy.

- Tim mentioned needing to consider how we balance the role our committee will have in convening these groups. We want to keep in mind our charge to serve as an advisory board for CA. What specific tangible things that we as a committee can say the CA Board should support .

Long term, the subcommittee will also be looking to schedule meetings with the CA Village Boards.

- Brief conversation amongst the group on whether to engage with the village boards as a whole or a few select representatives.
- Ginny and Jeremy recommended meeting with the whole board groups to make the engagement official. Suggestion was also made that if the CC&SAC gets on the Village Board agendas, this would be reflected in agendas sent out to residents, so our group would have visibility. Suggestion was also made to consider getting a speaker for our group and have the village boards advertise our speaker to gather resident interest.
- Tim suggested that the subcommittee to think through and create proposed approaches for how to engage with the village boards. Chiara will create folders in the google drive specific for village engagement.
- Jeremy mentioned considering village level empowerment focusing on the upcoming development in Long Reach and Hickory Ridge. Given the potential to comment and ask questions about the development plans, those may be the boards we want to meet with first.
- Suggestion was also made to have village boards develop a priority list of what would be of interest to them (what their issues are) and to have this in hand when meeting with village developers.
"Neighborhood Needs Checklist"

B. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Committee:

Still being stood up and working on holding a meeting.

Discussion of the recent IPCC findings – suggestion was made to advise CA to have a resolution statement supporting/adopting this. This subcommittee will take a first cut a drafting this message. Ginny suggested we aim to have something teed up by the first week of January to have this considered by the MD Assembly.

C. Sustainability Subcommittee:

John Klein provided an overview of the group's Nov. 12 meeting. The subcommittee is taking a broad look at future actions and looking to determine the "low

hanging fruit” to focus on. John will post the summary on the google drive. Ginny mentioned giving the group a briefing possibly in December from Jane Dembner, CA’s Director of Planning & Community Affairs, to get the perspective from CA and Howard Hughes. John will follow up with Ginny.

This prompted further discussion regarding the CC&SAC taking an active role in advising the CA Board on proposed development, e.g., in Downtown Columbia. Julian Levy and John Klien to see if Mark Southerland (Chair of the County’s Environmental Sustainability Board) to see if he or another ESB representative might meet with us to discuss the county’s role and inform our thinking about how we might advise the CA Board on issues such as land development and mass transit.

D. CA Staff Report Out:

Jeremy reported that progress is being made on the single use plastic issue at CA facilities – Sport and Fitness. CA staff are pricing out a suite of options to go with paper or biodegradable use café materials (e.g., paper straws, lids that do not require straws, etc.). Also working on the plastic bags for wet swimsuits (CA piloted biodegradable swimsuit bags a few years ago but there were complaints from residents because they were too loud). Solar is being installed on a number of CA facilities (dual access on the Long Reach Tennis Club).

6. Next Meeting – Set for 7:00 pm, Dec. 12, 2018, Long Reach Tennis Club.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52PM