



Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee

Subject	Monthly CC&SAC Meeting		
Date, Time, Location	11/13/19, 7:00 p.m. Long Reach Tennis Club		
Facilitator	Tim Lattimer, Chair	Scribe	Kim Drake & Rachel Matney

AGENDA OR **MINUTES**

Tim Lattimer, Rachel Matney, Kim Drake, Bob Marietta, Katherine McCarter, Tracey Manning, Sara Via, Julian Levy, Roberto Martin

CA Representative: Jeremy Scharfenberg

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda (2 mins)

All approved

2. Resident Speak Out (10 mins)

None present

3. CA Staff & Board Liaison Update (10 mins)

Adding solar panels to LR Tennis facility (dual access tracker)
\$50,000 to come through budget for climate change vulnerability study – May 1, 2020. We will need a lot of community engagement for this – may need funding for this.

Researching battery powered turf management instead of gas. Could also reduce the amount of turf that needs to be mowed. Also need community engagement about this.

In December, the new director of planning and community engagement of CA - Kristen Russell may attend our meeting.

4. Old Business (5 mins)

A. Approval of October 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

All approved – with edits from Julian Levy



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1. Committee Composition – new member

First meeting for our new member Roberto Martin. The group participated in a round of introductions of members and an overview of work of the committee and subcommittees have engaged in over the past year.

5. New Business (30 mins)

A. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Climate –

- i. want to get started on the climate vulnerability study for CA
- ii. Have a scoping meeting with watershed committee and CA staff and new planning director of CA
- iii. NAACP -HoCo Chapter – got a grant to do work on climate resilience (Cliff Wright) – want to get community involved about climate and justice. Partnership with them? (Willie Flowers, chair)
 1. Let's ask Cliff to talk to us at our next meeting.
- iv. USRA – Earth from space institute, flooding symposium
 1. Should we collaborate with them as well? Yes. They have expertise with satellite data and climate issues.
- v. Work with HoCo Office of Emergency Preparedness office on this
- vi. HCC - Greenfest day – afterwards do a meeting w/some NASA folks?

b. Community Engagement –

- i. The Climate collaboration is entering a new phase and has started a Steering committee.
 1. Steering committee will decide if we want to have subcommittees on certain issues
- ii. Sara working with CA open space (Nick) – planted demo plots of 'lawn alternatives' plantings
 1. Want to do more demo plots in very public areas
 - a. The issue is the demo plots have to look good
- iii. Sara working with CA/HoCo to plant more deep rooted plants that will sequester more carbon and benefits pollinators (Bee City)
- iv. Will get back to the villages – follow up from listening tour
 1. Hope to contribute to newsletters

c. Sustainability –

- d. Need to know from CA about easements for transit way
 - i. Would need a Fatal Flaw analysis
 - ii. Do some leg work on grants
 - iii. Get community buy-in
 - iv. Then need CA Support and get in the budget



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- v. Next step: to present to CA and get approval from CA Board
- e. Bag fee bill – HoCo – should we support and submit testimony
 - i. Can we support this as a committee
- f. Tour of recycling facility
 - i. Next topic to work on is zero waste
 - 1. Waste audit for CA?
 - a. MD Environmental Services might help us.
 - 2. Watch videos on Waste management
- g. Transportation forum for the county – Dec. 2 – Elkridge firehouse
7-8:30pm – Bikes/pedestrian, complete streets etc.
- h. Nov. 19 – expansion of Gateway meeting.
- i. Group activity – walk the transit way areas.

6. Action Item Recap (5 mins)

- 1. Pull together scoping meeting for climate vulnerability study
Find partners, NAACP, USRA
- 2. Testimony on Bag Bill – Jeremy/Ginny
Kim send info on other HC bills -
<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Calendar/EventId/2063/e/county-council-public-hearing-18-nov-2019vv>
- 3. Follow up on looking into easement issues on transit way
- 4. Looking into possible pots for funding for transitway
- 5. Ask Cliff Wright to speak at Dec meeting
- 6. Other speakers for other meetings?

7. Announcements / Look Ahead (5 mins)

- 1. Sunday Nov. 17, 12:30pm – UU climate meeting, Owen brown community center. <https://uucolumbia.net/events/uucc-climate-annual-meeting/>
- 2. Nov. 22, 3pm CA Volunteer awards presentation at HCC
- 3. Dec. 14 Climate Summit -
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmhkePcgi2m3huvohSzcTIHoV26MY0OL1tIzeTDz3fNFoBTQ/viewform>
- 4. Jan. 7, 7:30am HoCo Environmental Sustainability Board legislative breakfast – Howard Comm. College

8. Adjourn /Next Meeting – Dec. 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. LR Tennis Center