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| Subject | Monthly CC&SAC Meeting | | |
| Date, Time, Location | 04/08/2020, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | | |
| Facilitator | Tim Lattimer, Chair | Scribe | Rachel Matney, Secretary |

AGENDA

OR

MINUTES

Attendees: Tim Lattimer, Kim Drake, Bob Marietta, Julian Levy, Rachel Matney, Katherine McCarter, Sara Via

CA: Jeremy Scharfenberg

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

2. CA Staff & Board Liaison Update

The coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented situation. CA is looking at FY21 budgets cuts of 25% to be able to get through this current FY. CA is also looking to defer capital projects by perhaps 1-3 years. CA staff are also doing research on cleaning and sanitation options that will allow CA facilities to operate.

3. Old Business (5 mins)

Feb. 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes (approved).

4. New Business (45 mins)

- COVID-19 – Climate Parallels & Implications for CCSAC Work Going Forward

The Committee discussed parallels between the climate crisis and the pandemic. Given uncertainty about how long the pandemic will last, members agreed this presents a good time to reconsider the roles we play, how we operate, how we are structured, and the work we do going forward.

- Community Engagement



Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Committee also discussed how we might develop useful messaging that captures the pandemic's "teachable moments" and draws parallels between the pandemic and climate. We also considered the importance of not aggravating a sense of "crisis exhaustion" with our messaging and instead offers useful way for people to see some silver linings to the current crisis and consider ways to retain today's lifestyle changes (e.g., reduced travel, trip chaining, telecommuting, gardening, etc.) to benefit our future climate.

Possibilities include pieces for CA publications and putting out op-eds or other pieces through local press around topics such as:

- We have responded and have shown our capacity to make large scale lifestyle changes – this is a matter of will, we know what we need to do.
- Preparedness: Wouldn't it be great to be more prepared for the next things that comes down the line – the power of social changes (social distancing)
- Interesting contrasts – NZ they have flattened the curve and has made all the difference.
- We have seen this for a long time, we have the science to back our conclusions, let us not ignore the warnings and act now so we can be prepared for the impacts that we know are coming.

Committee members agreed that the pandemic "pause" offers an opportunity to think creatively as individuals and a group about ways we might continue to engage, e.g., through webinars and/or bolstering collaboration others to leverage/amplify things we are collectively doing. It is also a time for us to review our respective roles, the structures of the subcommittees, and re-examine how we align the work in light of our changed realities with the pandemic and what the CA Board wants and needs from the committee.

Members agreed on the importance of maintaining a resilient team structure so that if someone needs to pull back for a time, the team can still move forward. Likewise, members should feel empowered to take the lead on areas of interest with support from the committee. We also want to make sure to cultivate growth opportunities within the committee and learn from each other's expertise.

Members agreed that it would be important to use the upcoming annual report and FY21 Charge process as as an opportunity to re-energize the Committee's engagement with the Board, particularly to make sure we are responsive to the Board's needs and expectations. For the FY21 Charge, we should think carefully about what we can realistically do as a group (and possible fallback plans) given our respective strengths and limitations, as well as the likelihood of continued pandemic-related challenges.

- Climate Vulnerability Assessment

The Chair of the Wilde Lake Village Board was receptive to having the Committee conduct its pilot CVA in Wilde Lake, noting that the WLVB membership faced imminent turnover. We agreed to develop a 1-pager summarizing what a CVA would entail for review and consideration by the WLVB Chair and his incoming counterparts. The WLVB Chair was particularly interested what such an effort might require of village board members. Substantively, he also hoped it might help the community get a better handle on stormwater erosion issues.

- Virtual Green Fest & Earth Day Activities

Bob shared information about Howard County's virtual GreenFest, with a variety of organizations planning for livestreams of daylong events and other virtual activities. The Sunrise movement climate strikers are planning three days of activities starting on earth day.

- Other Updates

Katherine reported on a productive meeting with Oakland Mills leadership and residents regarding a sustainable lawn project. A lot of residents offered to host demonstration plots and butterfly gardens. Sara is looking at doing a webinar on regenerative landscaping, growing out of her efforts with CA's Open Space manager in carrying out a grant from the County. Among other things, that effort may produce some recommendations for Columbia and Howard County residents. The Committee discussed pursuing synergies between the the sustainable lawn and regenerative landscaping efforts.

Action Item Recap

1. Individuals to reassess what we are doing and how we are doing it and our own individual roles.
2. Sara, Kathrine & Tim to draft an article or op-ed on COVID-19 & climate.
3. Sara to engage with Jeremy on how to move forward on webinar ideas.
4. Team to consider what want to propose to the Board for our FY21 charge.
5. Jeremy will check on status of the 50K to support CVA efforts.
6. Team to send Bob any presentations they envision as Earth Day activities.
7. Sara and Tim to draft a 1-pager on the pilot CVA for use in village outreach.

The Committee adjourned after setting its next meeting for May 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.