

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIROMENT MINUTES
Commissioners Conference Room
Minutes of December 5, 2007

COE Members present were Barne Wheeler, Chairman; Marta Kelsey, Troy Hansen, Susan Blake, Sandy Neville, Bill Shreve, Daryl Calvano, Caroline Miller, and Frank Allen. Larry Hartwick was absent. Others present were Sue Veith and Christina Allen.

- I) **Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II) **Discussion & Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 7, 2007 as amended.
- III) **Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Go Green! Save Gr\$\$n Forum Update:**
 - 1. **Report on SMECO's Reaction Providing One or More Free Home Energy Audits:** Mr. Wheeler stated he spoke with SMECO and they requested an email detailing the forum and our request for energy audits. Mr. Wheeler stated he has requested three free energy audits. Mr. Wheeler stated he will keep the group updated on this item.
 - 2. **Report on Retailers Providing Free Energy Saving Light Bulbs:** Mr. Wheeler stated Mr. Hartwick could not make it to the meeting this evening. Mr. Wheeler stated he does not know if there have been any more donations.

Breakout Discussion:

Ms. Kelsey stated she thinks having index cards where everyone can fill out their name, address, phone number, etc. would be useful for future reference; the cards could also be used for the event drawings. Ms. Blake recommended a place on the card to check if you wanted to be included on the COE mailing list. It was the consensus of the members to use index cards rather than numbered tickets for the drawing. Times of the drawings were discussed and it was the consensus of the members to space the drawings out from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It was decided to expand the time of the Forum from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to end at 3:00 p.m. therefore giving more time. Mr. Wheeler stated when advertising for the forum it would be nice to advertise the names of companies who donated prizes for the raffle. It was the consensus of the members to do so.

- 3. **Report on Food for Event:** Ms. Veith stated she spoke with Mr. Plant and he is willing to cater the event. Mr. Plant said having local produce in February is hard to do and suggested Ms. Veith contact Southern Maryland So Good Coordinator. Ms. Veith stated she has contacted Christine Bergmark and asked her to contact Susan Blake with more information. Ms. Veith stated she needs more clarification on the timing of the event to give to Mr. Plant. It was the consensus of the Commission to have soups and finger sandwiches, iced tea, lemonade and coffee for the event from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. for 200 people.
- b. **Update on COE Comments on Comprehensive Water & Sewer Plan.** Comments on the Plan were delivered to both the Commissioners and to DLU&GM by the time required for input. Comments are on the County's web page.
- c. **Discussion of COE Comments on Adequate Public Facilities Proposal.** Proposed fixes to Frank's draft letter were made and accepted. Another draft will be prepared for the January meeting.

- d. **Discussion of COE Web Page Updates – Recommend Changes esp.** Changes were made as agreed at the November meeting.
- e. **Discussion of Change to County COE Web Page.** No action taken with Jada's absence.
- f. **Networking – Begin Development of “Environmental/Conservation Expertise List”.** Not discussed in depth.
- g. **Other:**

IV) New Business:

- a. **Critical Area Review.** Tabled for discussion at the January meeting.
- b. **Grease Down Drains – Anacosta Watershed Study.** No action taken.
- c. **Other.** Frank discussed land subsidence in the County. Barne said he would contact MGS and see if they had received any reports.

V) Announcements: It was agreed to try to hold the next COE meeting on Jan 9 instead of Jan 3, the normal date for the meeting.

VI) Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Action Items: