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Annapolis Environmental Commission
January 8, 2020

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 8, 2020 at 145 Gorman Street in Conference 3. **Chair** Bohanan called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.

Members Present: **Chair** Bohanan, **Vice Chair** Buchheister, Giblin, Murphy, Rowel, Turgeon, O'Leary

Members Absent: Stephenson

Staff Present: J. Guild, R. Hodo

Guest Present: Diane Butler, Jeremy Hansen

II. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Giblin moved approval of the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes as revised. Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

There was discussion regarding the Program Open Space funds and it was noted that the Office of Law needs to provide an opinion to clarify the process of the City getting these funds.

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Introductions of guests were made.

C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REPORT

Ms. Guild reported that the Waterways Cabinet is scheduled to meet on January 16, 2020 and members should contact their representatives to place items of interest on the agenda. **Vice Chair** Buchheister requested that the Department Heads describe the projects they are working on specifically the Public Works Capital Improvement Program in order to clarify if there is any overlap. It was noted that Dr. Nash will be attending the meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan progress. Ms. Guild notified City staff of the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy free online classes sponsored by DNR, et al. The Department is still working with BGE on locations for the electric vehicle charging stations and noted that Hillman Garage is no longer under consideration. Ms. Guild also reported that the plastic bag legislation is still being developed. Ms. Hodo reported that the CRS application is complete and she is reviewing an application for Bird City. Ms. Guild added that Earth Day is scheduled for April 20, 2020 this year and asked members to consider some events to share. She has been working with Ruth Berlin on the Integrated Pest Management Policy and noted that Annapolis Green is assisting with the single use plastics ban. Lastly, The Resilience Workgroup wrapped up its work in December 2019 and revisions will be made afterwards there will be public review of the report document.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continue Discussion on 2020 Priorities

Chair Bohanan provided a draft of the 2020 priorities for review and noted that the intent is to finalize the document at this meeting. The AEC worked through the list to determine what should remain and what should be removed. The edits will be made and discussed at the February 5th meeting.

B. Input to 2020 Comprehensive Plan

The AEC were encouraged to submit comments regarding the draft plan.

C. Organizational Structure

1. Liaisons/Representatives to Other Commission

Ms. Buchheister agreed to continue to serve as representative on the Waterways Cabinet.

Mr. Turgeon agreed to serve as the Annapolis Conservancy Board representative.

Chair Bohanan agreed to review the Planning Commission agenda for items of interest to the AEC, Mr. O'Leary agreed to review the Historic Preservation Commission agenda and Mr. Murphy will review the Port Wardens agenda. Mr. Giblin agreed to continue to review the Trak-It database for project status and continue to attend the Environmental Matters Committee.

2. Election of Officers

Chair Bohanan nominated **Vice Chair** Buchheister to serve as **Chair** of the AEC. Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Chair Bohanan nominated Mr. Giblin to serve as **Vice Chair** of the AEC. **Vice Chair** Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revised Special Exception for the Kiddie Academy

Ms. Butler noted that the Kiddie Academy proposal was submitted without the Forest Conservation Plan worksheet. The AEC will be commenting on the Special Exception and comments need to be submitted prior to the Planning Commission February 6, 2020 meeting. It was noted that the Kiddie Academy is located off of Forest Drive and the applicant changed his proposal to establish a daycare center. Mr. Smith is requesting support from the AEC on his position on the proposal.

Mr. Giblin moved that the AEC send a letter in support of Mr. Smith position on the Kiddie Academy. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Park Place

The AEC briefly discussed the Park Place project and it was noted that it will be heard at the Planning Commission February 6, 2020 meeting

B. General Announcements

Environmental Summit

Vice Chair Buchheister explained that the AEC discussed the possibility of hosting an environmental summit to solicit input from the public on the Comprehensive Plan possibility in February 2020. Ms. Guild agreed to check into dates for late February for conference rooms and Mr. Rowel agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

Amos Garrett Park Outfall

Ms. Butler reported on an outfall issue at the Amos Garrett Park noting that it was reported to the City on January 2, 2020 and there has been no action to date.

1. 2019 Annual Report Due January 15, 2020

Chair Bohanan shared a draft of the 2019 Annual Report for AEC to review and asked for comments prior to the January 15, 2020 due date.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. Giblin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

The next AEC meeting is Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.

Tami Hook, Recorder