Annapolis Environmental Commission  
March 6, 2019

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6, 2019 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. Chair Bohanan opened the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Bohanan, Murphy, O'Leary  
Members Absent: Powell, Buchheister, Turgeon  
Staff Present: J. Guild, R. Hodo  
Guest Present: Michael Giblin, Anne Stephenson

II. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 3, 2018 and February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
The AEC deferred voting on the above meeting minutes to its April 3, 2019 meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
There were no comments from the guests.

C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REPORT

Ms. Guild gave a report on the reappointments/appointments explaining that Hilary Raftovich is assisting Mr. Rowel to move the reappointments/appointments forward. She agreed to follow up with Mr. Rowel prior to the April meeting to give a report. There was a brief discussion regarding the AEC vacancies and members were encouraged to consider anyone who would be interested in serving on the AEC. Chair Bohanan will check with Alderman Rodriguez for interest in filling the Ward 5 vacancy.

There was a discussion on Transboundary Water Pollution and the best way to address this issue.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Standing Committees

Chair Bohanan discussed her proposal to model the AEC committees after the subgroups from Environment Summit.

1. Waterways/Stormwater  
2. Forest/Open Space (Development)  
3. Enforcement/Pollution or Waste Reduction/Pollution  
4. Climate/Energy
Chair Bohanan suggested eliminating the existing subcommittees and pattern the new standing committees after what was presented at the Environmental Summit noted above. The AEC agreed to further discuss this at the April 3, 2019.

2. Recap of Environmental Summit at Pip Moyer Center
Chair Bohanan discussed the Environmental Summit explaining there were four break-out groups as noted under Old Business Item 1 and explained that each of these groups were tasked with developing ideas. She explained that the notes from the summit are still being reviewed to determine which topics came out on top. She explained that strengthening the OEP, having independent staff for environmental programs, No Net Loss ensuring forest conservation, and having a Climate Resiliency Plan were among the top.

3. Providence Point Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan
Ms. Guild reported that the Providence Point Applicants resubmitted their Forest Conservation Plan showing that there would be no forest mitigation. She explained that this is because they submitted their worksheet that reflected them removing the credit but not the breakeven point. She reported that it was determined that the Technical Manual need to be revised and eventually their worksheet will be revised base on the new Technical Manual. She will report at the next meeting. Chair Bohanan will check with the Planning Director to determine if he received the AEC comments and the status of the application.

4. Main Street Green Infrastructure Plan
Ms. Guild explained that some businesses like the green infrastructure concept but the ultimate concern centered around the timeline status of the Hillman Garage. There was a brief discussion regarding permeable pavers on Main Street and if it can be accommodated.

5. Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study
Ms. Guild agreed to check on the status of the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Waterways Cabinet Update
Ms. Guild reported that the first Annapolis Waterway Cabinet meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Members present agreed to submit their nomination for the AEC representative at this meeting via email, however it was noted that Ms. Buchheister has agreed to serve on the cabinet so will be able to attend the March 21, 2019 meeting if all are in agreement.

2. Key School/Annapolis Roads Runoff Issue
Ms. Guild discussed the Key School/Annapolis Roads runoff issue explaining that Mr. Matt Waters indicated that the site should be stabilized at this point. She has been in communications with her counterpart in the County regarding establishing protocols to address these types of issues when they arise. Chair Bohanan agreed to draft a letter to the Mayor, County Executive and Key School Principal to distribute to the AEC for review.

3. Future Meetings
Chair Bohanan asked if the AEC had any suggestions for invitees for upcoming meetings. Ms. Guild explained that the George Mason engineering students will be completing and presenting an inventory of energy usage and how it can be reduced. They will also be providing a presentation on flood mitigation solutions at the EMC meeting on April 17, 2019. Ms. Guild will confirm that the students will be speaking at the meeting to notify the AEC.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. O’Leary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.
The next AEC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.

Tami Hook, Recorder