Annapolis Environmental Commission
April 3, 2019

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2019 at Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library located at 269 Hillsmere Drive. Chair Bohanan called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Bohanan, Murphy, O’Leary, Buchheister

Members Absent: Powell, 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, February 6, 2019 and March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Mr. O’Leary moved to approve the July 3, 2018 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 2-0 (Chair Bohanan and Buchheister abstained from the vote).

Mr. O’Leary moved to approve the February 6, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 3-0. (Buchheister abstained from the vote.)

Mr. O’Leary moved to approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were none.

C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REPORT

Ms. Guild reported on the status of the AEC’s vacancies explaining that Mr. Giblin and Ms. Stephenson appointments are awaiting the Mayor’s signature and there are two appointments for the two vacant seats that should be confirmed at the next Council meeting. She agreed to clarify the reappointments with Ms. Raftovich.

Ms. Guild reported that the Department’s Intern gave a presentation on the plastic bag ban and was asked to research additional data on the volume as well as the costs for replacement bags. She added that Annapolis Greens is interested in doing a plastic campaign and there is grant funding available through DNR so there will be opportunity for a City and Annapolis Greens partnership. She reported that Chesapeake Bay Trust/Keeping Annapolis Beautiful will provide funding for a cigarette butt
recycling campaign so this too will be an opportunity for City and Annapolis Greens partnership. The AEC agreed to support these grant efforts with a letter of support.

Ms. Hodo reported that the Department is in the beginning stages of applying for a Volkswagen grant for electric charging stations and Ms. Stephenson agreed to assist in this effort. Ms. Guild mentioned that the Key School sediment erosion control issue continue to be on the forefront. She discussed having City participation on the Sediment Erosion Control Task Force established by the County to review the existing sediment erosion control laws. She reported that the Department is trying to find a good location/venue for Earth Day on April 22, 2019 and asked the AEC let her know if they know of anything. Ms. Hodo volunteered to participate in an Earth Day celebration at Quiet Waters Park on April 27, 2019 where she will be distributing information on trees and stormwater. Ms. Guild added that Congressman Sarbanes office has expressed interest in working with the City on any Earth Day events. She also added that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 26, 2019 at Germantown Elementary School.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Reappointments
   This was discussed under OEP Report.

2. Providence Point Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan
   Chair Bohanan reported that the replanting issue has been resolved and the Technical Manual has been revised.

3. Main Street Green Infrastructure Plan
   There was no report on this agenda item.

4. Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study
   There was no report on this agenda item.

5. Waterways Cabinet Update
   Ms. Buchheister reported on the composition of the Waterways Cabinet. She explained that since this was the first meeting, the group discussed the issues and the best approach for resolving them. There was a brief discussion regarding the stormwater runoff on Westgate Circle.

6. Key School/Annapolis Roads Runoff Issue
   This agenda item was briefly mentioned under Department report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Meeting/Miscellaneous
   Ms. Buchheister suggested that the AEC meet in different locations and publicize these locations to the residents in that area. The AEC was amenable to the suggestion and agreed that the change should begin in June.

   Mr. Giblin reported that the Comprehensive Plan updated kick off is on May 7, 2019. He also noted that the next Environmental Matters Commission meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019 at 3:00pm.

   There was a brief discussion regarding the OEP reorganization.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. O'Leary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 4-0.

The next AEC meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.
Tami Hook, Recorder