

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL – APRIL 10, 2007
@ 6:30 P.M., Room 003/004
Carroll County Office Building**



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MINUTES

Members Present:	Karen Merkle, Chair Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair Sher Horosko David Pyatt Kim Petry	Members Absent:	Brian Rhoten Bob Foor-Hogue Jim Johnson Christopher Spaur
County Government:	Cynthia Parr, County Commissioners Office Terri Jones, County Attorney's Office James E. Slater, Jr., Office of Environmental Compliance J. Michael Evans, Director, DPW Vinnie Legge, Bureau Chief, Solid Waste Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC		
The Press:	Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times Laura McCandlish, Baltimore Sun		
Other Attendees:	Cody Saville, Carroll Land Service, Inc. Gregor Becker, Sierra Club Ed Singer, Carroll County Health Department Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council Paul Woyciechowski, Waste Management Recycle America David E. Taylor, Waste Management Recycle America Tracy Rouchard, Owner, Cartridge World		

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Merkle, Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M., welcoming presenters, guests, press, and County staff asking attendees to please sign in. Ms. Merkle then asked for approval of the March 13, 2007, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **MOTION NO. 6-07:** Motion was made by David Pyatt, and seconded by Sher Horosko, to approve the March 13, 2007, minutes, with the correction on Page 4, **NEW BUSINESS:** a. Water Summit - removing Mr. Jim Johnson's name as an EAC member serving on the Water Resources Coordination Council. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – 1) Chair Merkle added to the Agenda, under **5. Unfinished or Ongoing Business, letter d. Water Resource Coordination Council update**

2) Chair Merkle advised the Council that Robin Davidov's comments, dated 3/15/07, in response to Neil Seldman's remarks have been attached to the March 13, 2007 minutes. (Copies of these comments will be sent to the EAC members via e-mail in PDF format.)

OPEN FORUM – None

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:
PRESENTATIONS

Waste Management: Ms. Vinnie Legge, Bureau Chief, Solid Waste, Department of Public Works, informed the EAC that Carroll County recently had a meeting with the haulers and recycling will be going

to “single stream” effective July 1, 2007. Ms. Legge showed a 9-minute presentation on “Single Stream Recycling” which was followed by a question and answer period by Ms. Legge, Dave Taylor, and Paul Woyciechowski from Recycle America Alliance, a subsidy to Waste Management. Elkridge Plant Tours were offered to the EAC members, if interested. Mr. Woyciechowski indicated he would forward a fact sheet on recycling energy savings. (This information was received on 4/17/07 and forwarded to the EAC. It is also a part of these minutes)

- Ms. Tracy Rouchard, Owner of Cartridge World in Westminster showed a PowerPoint presentation on “Printer Cartridge Recycling” followed by a question and answer period. Ms. Rouchard offered to “pilot” a quarter of 2007, with part of the second floor of the County Office Building participating in order to test their services. If the County utilizes Cartridge World’s services, a 10% discount will be extended to County employees’ for their home use.

Chair Merkle thanked Ms. Legge, Messr. Taylor and Woyciechowski, and Ms. Rouchard for addressing the EAC on various “recycling” issues.

Monthly Update regarding MTBE issues – CCHD – Mr. Ed Singer presented updates on the Council’s MTBE spreadsheet, a part of these minutes.

- Gamber – Once MDE/MES draws conclusions, a public information meeting will be held
- Sheetz in Manchester – Mr. DePalmer has been offered city water but can’t make him hookup.
- Little George’s, Deer Park Road – store has closed. Unless MDE takes lead, this will hold up the developer.
- 7-11-Woodbine – Lawsuit, high MTBE next to strip mall, tanker furnished for alternate water source.
- Sullivan Trailer Park – Switched to 2nd well, MDE satisfied, looking to sample quarterly to monitor point of discharge for pump and treat, only a few homes but some have high levels

Ms. Merkle thanked Mr. Singer for the update, and the EAC wished him well serving his second tour in Iraq.

Underground Storage Tanks – Ms. Sher Horosko briefed the Council on the March 19, 2007 Fuel Oil Dealers meeting where she presented a brochure draft for their review and edit. Upon completion of the brochure discussion will continue on ways to educate the public on UST concerns. Judi Carter of Tevis Oil will circulate the brochure throughout the association’s membership for comments/editing due to low dealer attendance at this meeting. Ms. Horosko will update the EAC as this issue moves forward.

Water Resource Coordination Council (WRCC) – Ms. Horosko reported that she and Chris Spaur attended the kick-off meeting. This Council s off to a very good start and the group includes a high level of technical skills. At the next meeting sub-committees will be formed with a 2-year commitment.

COMMITTEE/WORK TEAM REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

2007 Environmental Awareness Awards Committee – Board of Commissioners’ congratulatory letters were mailed to the winner in each category. The Award Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 300A, in conjunction with County Government Week. EAC members are welcome to attend.

Water Conservation Committee – Chair Merkle said the brainstorming session with Dave Pyatt, Chris Spaur at Carroll Community College was very productive. A lot of great ideas shared. Ms. Robyn Gilden

will chair this committee and asked for EAC members to contact her if willing to serve on this committee. This committee may also include non-EAC members. The committee will meet and present ideas to the full EAC. Plans are to pursue this task in stages as charged by the Board of Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COUNCIL MEMBERS – ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

A lengthy discussion ensued among the Council on the waste management topic. Ms. Horosko expressed her concern that the Council has been brought into the discussion about this rather late in the process and that we need to ‘reframe’ the question away from “waste-to-energy or not” to a more comprehensive view of waste including a “zero waste” approach. It was agreed to have speakers over the next few months cover alternate means of waste disposal including pay-per-throw, zero waste, particularly from communities who have successfully implemented these alternatives to incineration. Council members also want to hear from communities who have a diverse approach including incineration. It was concluded that members want to gain solid knowledge about all methods so as to be able to provide an informed recommendation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Merkle announced: 1) the May, 2007 EAC meeting, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 003/004.

2) Cindy Parr updated the Council on a recent e-mail received by Cheri Grubby, Co-Chair, Carroll Joint Neighborhood Association and Mr. Steve Powell’s response regarding verification on the number of trees to be harvested at the airport, with over ½ of the trees being harvested due to Oak blight and would die anyway within five (5) years. Should the EAC receive any calls or e-mails regarding the tree issue, direct questions to Cindy Parr. (A copy of the e-mail was sent to EAC members on 4/18/07)

ADJOURN - MOTION NO. 07-07: Motion made by Sher Horosko, seconded by Robyn Gilden, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.



Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend