

Environment and Energy Conservation Commission
Draft

Summary of June 18, 2018 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Azalea Conference Room

Members Present: Mike Mesmer, John Seymour, Mike Hanna, Christine Ng, John Bloom, Sarah Mesurvey

Members Absent: Claire O'Dea, Jessica Skerritt, Gabriel Thoumi, Kimberly Fedinatz

Guests: Aasim Rawoot, Carlin Anderson, Carol Rakatansky

Staff Present: Adam Segel-Moss (DES),

1. Public Comment

None

2. Solids Master Plan Letter Review

The Commission discussed and unanimously approved the Solids Master Plan letter. The letter will be sent to the Board with a CC to DES staff.

3. Legislative Letter Review

The Commission discussed and unanimously approved the Legislative Priorities letter. The letter will be sent to the Board with a CC to Legislative liaison staff as well as other stakeholders.

4. MWCOG Air Quality Discussion

The Commission briefly discussed air quality issues as they relate to MWCOG efforts. The commission discussed the value of targeting high value air quality improvements at scale vs. costs. The reason is to target lower cost and high value reductions first.

5. 4MRV Transition

The Commission discussed the status of the 4MRV planning process. The Commission mentioned the County Board approval of a Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework that ties the area's future to its industrial past. Strategic interventions by the County, the policy framework suggests, can contribute to a safer, more accessible area that includes revitalized public parks, enhanced access to natural areas, better connectivity and new public and private investment that could include the arts.

With commission turnover, new and existing members will continue to follow this area.

6. Work Plan Review

The Commission decided to defer this item off until new members are appointed.

7. Meeting Summary Review – May

Approved unanimously

8. Old / New Business

Mike Hanna raised the issue of Environmental Assessments. He asked why no projects are coming before the Commission. He asked for a list of projects historically and asked for an update. Mike noted that the Bike and Pedestrian Commissions have a 2-page list of projects. The Commission discussed a letter to the Board or DES Director to note the lack of compliance by projects with the EA process and push for a revised EA process.

Sarah M. provided an update on NRJAG and Biophilic Cities. She noted what biophilic cities are and how other jurisdictions are incorporating the concepts into planning. The Commission discussed this as a possible agenda item for a future meeting.

Christine give an update on the CCWG. She noted that there are multiple meetings coming up. She also noted that the CIP and CCWG processes are working in tandem. The APS and ACG Boards are working to balance parking and transit issues, community wants, needs, and overall funding availability.

John S. provided an update on the Streetlight Management Plan update. He noted that the survey is complete but that the working group had not yet seen results. The Draft Plan is expected summer 2018. John also noted that the POPS report is due out in July with Board action expected early 2019.