

Maryland Coast Smart Council

December 11, 2017 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – DNR Meeting

Notes

Attendance: Matthew Fleming (DNR), Chris Elcock (GWWO Inc./Architects), Kevin Brown (Ocean City), Michael Bayer (MDP), Gary Setzer (MDE), Fiona Burns (DBM), Sandy Hertz (MDOT), Katherine Charbonneau (DNR/CAC), Joseph Abe (DNR), Catherine McCall (DNR), Kevin Wagner (MDE), Jen Sparenberg (MHT), Alexandra DeWeese, (DNR/CAC), Sandra Olek (DNR). Brian Ambrette (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Paolo Ariza (MDOT/MTA), Elizabeth Habic (MDOT/SHA), Jill Lemke (MDOR/MPA), Nell Zehl (MHT)

1:04 p.m. Meeting Begins

Agenda Item #1

- Matthew Fleming welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Kevin Wagner introduced new member Kevin Brown, introductions were given around the room, and minutes were approved.

Agenda Item #2

- Sandi Olek gave a brief overview and update on the DNR-UMD partnership at Patapsco Valley State Park (Avalon area downstream from Ellicott City that was impacted by the 2016 storm). The project, co-managed by DNR and UMD's Center for Disaster Resilience (within Dept. of Engineering), is looking at sources of flooding such as impervious pavement and developing solutions such as stormwater mitigation measures and public outreach. Gary Setzer suggested that Bill Seeger (MDE waterway construction program) be brought in to help with coordination if projects develop from this study, which is scheduled to be completed by June 30 2018.

Agenda Item #3

- Joseph Abe discussed changes made by technical committee to Coast Smart Assessment & Certificate, communication with the Board of Public Works and how this document fits with the Coast Smart Construction Program. The current draft reflects changes recommended from last meeting. Next steps include working with BPW to integrate this into their review and making sure our state agency contacts who work with BPW are aware of the process and how to use this moving forward. Council members were asked to review links in the document and suggest if additional links need to be added. A question was raised about how we deal with categorical exceptions: Weren't the exceptions intended to avoid unnecessary paperwork? It was recommended that Council staff provide the document to MDOT folks for further review and work with them to address these concerns.

Agenda Item #4

- Jen Sparenberg provided an update on MHT's adaptation activities and projects. Jen, who serves as the hazard mitigation officer at MHT, discussed a year-long process to articulate guidelines for historic preservation in the face of hazard mitigation and climate change. The paper resulting from this study articulates how historic preservation should be integrated in to hazard mitigation and planning. Recommendations include taking at a community-wide approach rather than a property-by-property approach and considering "migration" of communities as a possible option to offer local planners. Jen wasn't sure whether the Council or the ARWG was the best group to advance these ideas. It was agreed that Jen would share the study report with the Council staff and they would circulate to Council members.

Agenda Item #5

- Joseph Abe went through Coast Smart Council 2017 Annual Report and asked for comments or revisions. He briefly the described report's purpose and intended audience. Joe asked Council members to review recommendations since they will set agenda for 2018 and add any projects that we want to highlight. Members were asked to provide comments back by January 11, 2018

Adjourn: 2:00 p.m.