

Meeting Minutes

CEJSC Meeting – 8/27/2024

Attendees

Andrew Miller, Carlos Sanchez-Gonzalez, Cat Goughnour -DHCD-, Colleen, Crystal Faison, David Simon, Dr. Reneé Carr, John Papagni -DHCD-, Kellie Gaither, Kylan Simpson -MDH-, Mariah Davis -DNR-, Monica Brooks, Nadya Chehab -MDA-, Noble Smith -MDE-,, Patrick DeArmey, Rebecca Rehr, Sacoby Wilson, Subha Chandar -MDH-, Suna Sarisak -MDE-, Suzanne Dorsey, Tracy Garrett, Veronika Carella, Voncia Molock, Yasmin Behram -MDP-

Opening - Noble Smith

Chair Burke was unable to attend so Noble Smith provided the opening to this month's meeting.

Review of Comments from July Meeting

Due to the absence of the Chair the response to the SBCLT tour request would be delayed until the september meeting that will be held on the September 27th

Annual Report Recommendation Form

Noble Smith: The Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities annual report is due no later than October 1st of this year. The annual report will include recommendations for the Governor, Maryland General assembly, and MDE Secretary as required by § 1–701. The google form provides the opportunity to communicate specific policies or initiatives that you would like to see enacted to address EJ, sustainable communities, and compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in Maryland. Given the upcoming deadline for submission, responses are requested no later than September 5, 2024.

CEJSC Guide for Legislators

Rebecca Rehr: This is an effort to show legislators policies and approaches for decision make related to environmental justice communities. The guide sets out critical background on environmental justice and EJ policy in Maryland

Air Permitting Presentation

Suna Sarisak: MDE Air Permits Director presented to CEJSC about the public participation/enhanced public participation measures that MDE has in place of Air and Radiation permits. The presentation covered relevant Laws and Environmental rules that come up during mosr air

permitting actions. The presenter also discussed challenges of permitting and the permitting regime with CEJSC commissioners. This presentation is part of a continued dialogue between MDE and CEJSC opportunity permitting in environmental justice communities.

Public Comment

Meeting closed 11:30