

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-, Suzzane 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 measure that MDE has in place. The presentation talked to the commissioners directly about the challenges of getting residents to come to informational

meetings in Environmental Justice Communities. This presentation provided MDE and CEJSC opportunity to raise some issues related to some of the ej permitting bills/policies could take in the future.

Public Comment

Meeting closed 11:30

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