

Baltimore Commission on Sustainability
May 25, 2010 Meeting Report

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 4-6 PM

Location: Department of Planning Boardroom, 417 E. Fayette St.

Subject: Commission on Sustainability May 2010 General Meeting

In Attendance: (*Commissioners*) - Cheryl Casciani, John Ciekot, Raymond Ehrlich, Lynn Heller, Brian Knight, Patrick McMahon, John Quinn, Jake Ruppert, Ali Smith, Tom Stosur, Alyson Taylor, Mary Washington. (*Staff*) - Brett Buikema, Beth Strommen, Sarah Zaleski.

Presenters: Brent Flickinger, Holly Freishtat, Seema Iyer, Reed Schuler, Alice Kennedy

Attendees: Dmitri Wasilowski, Geoff Stack, Gene Uzoukwu

Topics addressed:

- Minutes from April, 2010 meeting are approved without amendment
 - Motion made by Mary Washington, second by John Ciekot
- Chair Report
 - Sarah Zaleski will be giving an update on the progress being made on priority goals
 - Sustainability Challenge Presentation event was a success
 - BCF intern will be working to populate the website with success stories this summer
 - Chair and O of S staff will be meeting with the City Council President
 - Sarah Zaleski will be leaving the O of S
- Staff Report
 - Ethics questions have been sent to the Law Department for review
 - Transform Baltimore draft is out, zoning sub-committee will meet and review
 - \$100,000 Bond approved for fiscal year 2012 for urban agriculture
 - Sustainability Fund will be on the November ballot
 - O of S will host a Mayoral Fellow this summer who will focus on evaluating land available for urban agriculture uses
 - Two other interns will be working on food, deconstruction issues, and plastic bags
 - O of S is advertising for a Landscape Architect to develop a landscape manual for the city. Position is posted on O of S website
 - The Baltimore World Trade Center has offered to host a display of the Sustainability Challenge school projects this summer
 - Sarah Z. gave an update on focus goal progress
- Legislation
 - Beth Strommen to convene plastic bag sub-committee
 - O of S will convene a meeting to discuss the 25th Street Redevelopment project
 - Anthony Cataldo to present project on behalf of the Planning Department
 - Patrick M. wants to be included
 - Public Meeting on the project will be June 24, 2010
 - City Council Bills #10-0493/0494 Rezoning—Certain Properties in the Westport Area and Annapolis Road—Urban Renewal Area Designation and Renewal Plan
 - Brent Flickinger presented on behalf of the Department of Planning
 - Consensus was met to support the Department of Planning Staff Report
- Presentations
 - Holly Freishtat presented the goals of her position as the Baltimore City Food Policy Director:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/Planning/FoodPolicyTaskForce.aspx>

- Reed Schuler and Alice Kennedy presented the initial results of the Baltimore Neighborhood Energy Challenge:
<http://cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/uploads/files/BNEC%20Pilot%20Results%20Report.pdf>

Upcoming Events:

- Next Commission on Sustainability Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 4 PM.