**Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 4:00-6:00 PM

**Location:** 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore MD 21202, 7th floor

**Subject:** Commission on Sustainability December 2017 General Meeting

**In Attendance**: (Commissioners) –John Ciekot, Miriam Avins, Inez Robb, Councilman Ryan Dorsey, Tom Stosur, John Quinn

**Acting Chair, Miriam Avins, Welcome**:

* We are in the midst of change and the Commission is in transition
* Introductions of existing and proposed commissioners
* Miriam talked about her ideas moving forward with the commission racial equity - not burdening future generations
	+ Equity lens - 4 types of equity.
	Structural
	Procedural
	Distributional - equitable outcomes
	Trangenerational equity - our future

**Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director**

* New appointments and reappointments of Commissioners is ongoing
* Plan Update will be different – broader and may change how we work
* New administration - may impact our work
* Brief update on the City Council bill process relating to the Commission
* State legislature opens in January
* Commissioners who are interested may take it upon themselves to help review related bills.

**Councilman Dorsey**

* Introduced a bill involving a parking cash out program for Baltimore that would mandate the City pay the cash equivalent to what it would cost to subsidize a city employee’s parking space should that worker choose to bike, walk, or use transit instead of driving. In California, over 20 years, there was a 17% increase in use of public transportation

**Notes:**

* It was a working meeting. Participants placed comments on 4 Plan topics.
	+ Housing
	+ Arts and Culture
	+ Neighbors
	+ Local Economy
* This was followed by a lively discussion about the topics, and questions such as “What is it we are sustaining?” “What is a community?” “What legislatively is standing in the way of affordability?”
* We heard:
	+ We need clear measures to demonstrate effectiveness
	+ It’s a long term plan (7-10 years) and don't be timid.
	+ We need to create a strong plan, push agency policies, the legislative agenda
	+ How metrics defined is of utmost importance
	+ Sustainability should not be marginalized
	+ Needs more precision
	+ Leave no one out - equity lens
	+ The engagement was not business as usual
	+ How is this plan going to be used?
		- It is the Commission’s responsibility to oversees it
		- As a guide for office
		- A resource to guide visions - it provides guidance
		- Agencies are not held accountable but have been part of the process

**Next Sustainability Commission Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 31st, 4:00-6:00

417 East Fayette Street, 8th floor