**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