**Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities (CEJSC)**

**9:30 am-11:30 am**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

**Montgomery Park, Baltimore, MD**

**Aeris Conference Room**

**1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230**

**In Attendance**

* Commissioners: Lisa Nissley, Dick Fairbanks, Rebecca Rehr, Vernice Miller-Travis,Caroline Varney-Alvarado, Andy Fellows, Arabia Davis
* Participants: Duane Johnson, Angelo Bianco, Delegate,Clarence Lam, Jeaneen Logan, Dan Laird

**Introductions**

Lisa Nissley started the meeting by welcoming everyone and inviting everyone to introduce themselves. All persons in attendance introduced themselves along with their positions.

**CEHPAC FOLLOW UP**

Lisa indicated that the commission will meet with CEHPAC December 8th, 2015 and that MDE gave their input to them and they were talking about what they wanted to add and once that’s done the commission would get the list out to commission soon as possible. Duane and Lisa will reach out to Dr. Cliff Mitchell, Rachel and Dr. Jed Miller about that. Rebecca Rehr ask did we want to add Green Cleaning to be on the list Lisa said yes it was on the list that was forwarded to CEHPAC. Vernice Miller ask about Lead regulation from DHMH and could the commission get an update on them, Lisa indicated that it’s on the list also.

**Local Government Outreach Update**

Arabia Davis indicated that she doesn’t have any additional updates. Andy Fellows said that he reach out to Les Knapp from MACO and thanks to a draft being drafted by Rebecca and the committee Mr. Knapp responded positively and is willing to meet with the commission and bring a planner or two to a meeting. Hopefully a time could be set up within the next two weeks. The draft was simply an Outreach piece.

In terms of the City Master Plan Dick Fairbanks indicated that he really didn’t have any additional updates. He said that Brent Flickenger of Southern Gateway Master Plan was going to meet with the commission but he felt as though he didn’t know enough about the plans involving Kevin Plank and his 43 acres he bought. As a result of Dicks interaction with Mr. Flickenger they felt it was best to hold off until later part of spring to meet with the commission.

**Cumulative Impact Follow up**

Lisa Nissley indicated that the work group has a meeting Thursday 19th and will be looking at maps, the GSI person will be on hand to show us his twelve pre-set maps that are based on what the work group has ask them to put together. Another thing the work group will be looking at is Public Participation and they hope to put something together before the end of year. Andy Fellows wanted to know why Honeywell Corporation was being considered for discussion, Lisa indicated they had some engagement with the community and we wanted to know what works and don’t work and exactly what they are doing. It appears they have great interactions with the community.

In terms of community engagement it was suggested that the workgroup try to reach out to more businesses who are engaging the community in the process like the Curtis Bay, Sheriff Road and Covanta Energy Corp. Lisa indicated that for the January meeting she’s waiting to see what room the meeting will be held in. It was suggested that maybe we need to talk off line about planning for that meeting, Vernice and Rebecca said they would work on planning the January meeting. Andy ask about new legislation being introduce, Rebecca said it will be environmental legislation this year introduce by Delegate Lam. It was suggested that maybe a conference call be set up before session begins to talk about the bill. Lisa mention that the group had already met with the advocates and lend some technical support to the bill. At this point MDE hasn’t taken a position on the bill but it’s an ongoing process.

**Equitable Development Seminars Update**

Rebecca Rehr indicated that she didn’t go to the seminars but it’s a flyer available and she would submit a link to be included in the notes.

**Others News & Annoucements**

Rebecca said that there’s an opportunity to do some relationship building with the Western Maryland community.

Vernice Travis gave an update on the Climate Change commission said a study is coming involving Green House Gas Reduction Act and all the ways to address those issues. It’s going to be a stakeholders meeting on November 30th 10 am-4 pm to share the draft report and get input from stakeholders. Vernice indicated that as of yet it’s no representative from MDE schedule to be at that meeting and ask Lisa could she attend, no commitment was decided.

Andy Fellows said they thinking about having Les Knapp of MACO come out to speak to a small group late November or early December.

Vernice said EPA is looking for nominations for local government commission (FACA) application are being accepted until December 14th 2015, its 8-10 positions available.

Andy Fellows said he working on two projects including PG County substainable actions including Environmental Justice policy and substainable communities charge.

Delegate Lam briefly talked about his Bill he’s introducing.

**Meeting Adjourned**