

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

	Attendance Record
Members Present: Lina Vlavianos, Chair	1/1
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	1/1
Joel Dunn	1/1
Charlotte Lubbert	1/1
Kurt Riegel	1/1
Joe Rubino	1/1
Jeff Schomig (via conference call)	1/1
Bob Whitcomb	1/1
Guests and Staff: Albert Johnston, Greater Severna Park Council	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
Members Absent: Judd Legum	0/1
Fred Paone, City Council (Ex officio)	0/1
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/1
Veronica Jagoe for Councilman Benoit (Ex officio)	0/1

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was declared present.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS – There was no public input.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the December 2, 2010, regular monthly SRC meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 2, 2010, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SRC AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY HORNOR AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Legum and Paone were not present at the meeting. Schomig participated via conference call.
- (2) Lubbert and Whitcomb's (County Executive appointees) terms expire at the end of January 2011. Both wish to continue serving on the Commission. Legum's (Mayor appointee) term also expires at the end of January. After contacting Legum to see if he wishes to continue serving on the SRC, Vlavianos will notify the Mayor's office specifics about this appointment.
- (3) A schedule for 2011 SRC meetings was distributed to Commission members.
- (4) County Council will first consider rezoning applications in council districts 1 and 4 during the Comprehensive Rezoning process. Out of the requests for rezoning, there is only one on the Jabez and several along the Severn.

OLD BUSINESS

Priest Point

A potential conservation buyer has been found for Priest Point. No County Program Open Space funds are available for the purchase. A zoning change to the land may be needed to accomplish preservation.

Annapolis

Dunn noted that he serves on the Annapolis Conservancy Board and reported that the Board is working to catalog green areas and open space using GIS. The purpose is to identify areas and then work to preserve those areas.

Septics – There was nothing new to report.

Website

Lubbert reported the SRC website had 824 hits in December.

Oyster Restoration Activities in the Severn River / Slag

Hornor reported she received the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) study designed for testing for toxics and expressed her disappointment in the manner it was done. The Corps did acknowledge for the first time that slag does leach heavy metals. It was noted that this bare-bones study did not incorporate SRC's recommendations.

Rubino will inquire if a more detailed study could be done on the Severn by midshipmen as a special project. He will also speak to Delegate Ron George to see if there may be an interest to address slag legislatively. Rubino will see if Mr. George may be interested in serving as an ex-officio SRC member.

Riegel will inquire as to who the highest official is in USACE to contact to inform the Corps that slag is: on the hazardous waste list, being dumped in the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay, documentation that leaching of heavy metals into waters is real, and request that further dumping be stopped.

Critical Area Legislation (CA)

SRC is concerned with the negative actions of the Board of Appeals towards the Critical Area Commission (CAC) that have come to light recently. Schomig will contact the Chair of the Critical Area Commission, Margaret McHale, to invite her to return to SRC with an update on the progress being made on topics discussed at the December 2009 SRC meeting as well as to ask additional questions.

It was noted that Anne Arundel County's new Director of Inspection and Permits, Robert Hubbard, will be joining the County on January 17, 2011. Vlavianos will invite him to meet with SRC to discuss Critical Area regulations after Ms. McHale's visit.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS – There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks
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