



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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Meeting Summary for January 15, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Kathleen Marasco
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the January 15, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:01 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER - ASHLEY COLLIER -

- New member, Ashley Collier, introduced herself at her first meeting. She is a certified naturalist. She work for Roscoe Bartlett for several years. She currently is employed by the Town of Mount Airy as the Director of Community Development.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. November 13, 2024

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the November minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 484-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to approve the November 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2025. The agenda will include discussion of scopes of work for the projects in the 2025 Work Plan. The timeline for the Environmental Action Awards will be discussed as well.
- The annual joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Reagan Room. The agenda includes review of the 2024 Annual Report and the Proposed 2025 Work Plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS -

a. Proposed 2025 Work Plan - Review & Approval

Discussion:

- The description of the backyard climate resilience outreach piece will remain general, as the EAC members will determine what is most important to include while researching information.
- The members made no changes to the draft proposed work plan.
- As Chair, Mr. Paskoski will review the annual report and the proposed work plan projects with the Board at the annual joint meeting. All members are welcome to join in on the discussion that follows.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 485-25: Motion was made by Craig Connell to re-elect Craig Paskoski to approve as drafted the proposed 2025 Work Plan for presentation and review with the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- 2025 Work Plan: <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/work-plan/>

b. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet - Discussion

Discussion:

- Ms. Dinne provided an overview of the booklet to familiarize new members since 2023 with the content.
- Since staff must update the information, the EAC’s primarily role in this project is to review and to identify potential new content or topics to include.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- 2023 Booklet: <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-stewardship-in-carroll-county/>

Motions	Action Items	Attachments
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6. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

- a. None

7. OTHER -

a. **2025 Environmental Action Awards**

- Outreach to students should occur before the school year ends in the spring of 2025.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS -

- None.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 486-25: Motion was made by Kathleen Marasco and seconded by Ashley Collier to adjourn the January 15, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, COB Room 204