

# Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities (CEJSC) Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2006

## DRAFT MINUTES

### IN ATTENDANCE:

#### **Commission Members & Participants:**

Dorothy Morrison (Designee for Kendl Philbrick), Vernice Miller-Travis, Rosa Burnstein, Sharmi Das (Designee for Anthony McCann), Richard Fairbanks, Nan Lyon, Barbara Sattler,

#### Welcome Remarks & Review of Minutes

Vernice chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Scot Spencer.

The draft minutes were reviewed and edited but were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

#### Easton

Dorothy gave an update on the Easton visit during the October meeting.

#### Annual Report

Dorothy circulated the draft to date (still missing sections from workgroups) for review. The draft will also be sent electronically for review. The draft will also be sent electronically to those not present at the meeting.

#### 2007 Meeting Schedule

This could not be determined due to poor attendance. Dorothy will send out an email requesting Commissioners to indicate long standing commitment dates, for which they will not be available for a CEJSC monthly meeting.

#### 2007 Activities

- I. The group discussed next steps on lead-safe demolition protocols for Maryland.
  - 1) need technical reviewers who could translate protocol into local regulation.
  - 2) Solicit support from other partners to include:
    - Society of Occupational & Environmental Health
    - Local Code Enforcement Association
    - Local Zoning Officials or Subcommittee of MACO addressing zoning
    - Association of Standards & Testing Materials (ASTM)
    - Maryland Environmental Health Directors
  - 3) Find a legislative Sponsor for demolition protocol
  - 4) Find private funds to support work of technical reviewer.

Sharmi Das mentioned that she is the legislative liaison for the Community Health Administration and she will try to garner support from that Administration.

- II. It was recommended that one of which should include little Washington in Prince Georges County site visits to various negatively impacted communities in the State scheduled for 2007.

## Other Updates

### I. Community Health Indicators project:

Sharmi mentioned that an EPA grant is being sought through a partnership among DHMH, MDE and University of MD to support work on Community Health indicators started by the CEJSC community Health Workgroup. The CEJSC will be asked to write a letter of support for the grant applicants. Cliff will draft the letter to be signed by Commissioners.

Barbara Sattler indicated that it is important for the Community Health Indicators project to focus on assisting the permitting process and not morph into satisfying environmental public health tracking.

### II. Task Force on Minority participation in the Environment:

The group discussed the role of the Task Force on Minority participation in the Environment versus the role of the CEJSC. Clarification needed in order to coordinate efforts. Dorothy will send a copy of SB350 – Task Force on Minority Participation to Commissioners along with proposed list of task force members for review.

**The next Commission on Environmental and Sustainable Communities meeting  
December 19 @ 9:30 am.  
Maryland Department of the Environment**