

Howard County Energy Task Force

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Howard Building: Linwood Room

Attendance:

Task Force Members		Present
Kenneth	Boras	x
Randy	Clayton	
Orien	Dalton	
Richard	Deutschman	
Steve	Estomin	
Karen	Galindo-White	
Abdul	Majid	
Bob	Marietta	x
I. Katherine	Magruder	
Ray	McGowan	x
Daryl	Paunil	
Janice	Romanosky	
Tony	Rosano	
Doug	Ruch	
Jeremy	Scharfenberg	x
Rizwan	Siddiqi	x
Diane	Sweeney	x
R. Daniel	Wallace	
Ed	Wilson	x
Guests		
Elissa	Reineck	x

Meeting Content:

Ed Wilson introduced the meeting. He then provided an update from his attendance of the council hearing regarding allowing solar on agricultural preservation properties. Ed testified about the benefits

of allowing solar on ag and advised that the process should be set up to be predictable for the businesses involved and not set up so that the opinions of one or two individuals could stop an entire project that had a greater good.

Group Discussion of Subcommittee Recommendations:

The task force reviewed updated draft recommendations of the Workforce Development subcommittee and the Resiliency subcommittee.

Discussion points included:

- Subcommittees were urged to make their recommendations as specific as possible.
- Solar tax credits were discussed with regard to the workforce development versus the cost. Solar was also discussed in terms of external costs of fossil fuels vs. subsidization compared to other energy sources.
- The resiliency sub-committee has a new updated draft recommendation that has been loaded to basecamp.
- The workforce development draft recommendations are just about done.

Items for the Next Meeting:

The November meeting will focus on the Renewables and the Energy Management and Efficiency subcommittees. We will be back in our usual conference room on the first floor. At the November meeting, the group will discuss the remaining subcommittee draft recommendations.