

**CECIL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PUBLIC SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2008**

Attendance

Member	Present
Henry Shaffer Chairperson	yes
Donna Deckard Vice Chairperson	no
Jeff Clewer	yes
Sarah Colenda	no
Shawn Day	yes
John Denver	no
Patricia Folk	no
Chuck Smyser	yes
Vicki Strause	yes

Other Attendees	Affiliation
Tony DiGiacomo	Principal Planner, Office of Planning, Zoning, et al.
Pete Bieniek	Chief of Solid Waste
Craig Marker	Civil Engineer/Solid Waste

Call to Order (*time/date/location of meeting*)
2:00 p.m. on May 28, 2008 at the GWC Board of Education Office

Meeting outcomes were reviewed. *Please refer to attached meeting agenda.*

Old Business

- Committee members reported on the status of departmental and agency contact initiatives.

PUBLIC SAFETY:(Dick Shaffer, Jeff Clewer, John Denver and Donna Deckard)
Department of Emergency Services

Draft report is prepared.

Law Enforcement

Dick Shaffer reported that after meeting with Chief Darryl Hamilton, NEPD, and Chief Al Michael, RSPD, relative to gathering information pertaining to law enforcement (Sheriff, Municipal Police, State Police, et al), Chief Hamilton and Chief Michael met with representatives of this group on May 15, 2008 to request their input. Information will be forthcoming. The Sheriff’s Department is working on their response to the questionnaire.

Correctional Services

Draft report is prepared.

Juvenile Services

Draft report is prepared.

Fire and Rescue Services

John Denver and Donna Deckard have met with the Cecil County Firemen's Association and will be meeting with the Fire Chief's Association in the near future to gather information on fire and rescue services. A letter of explanation as to what our committee is doing and a questionnaire will be given to them to seek input. Chief Richard Brooks, Director of EMS, will assist in the gathering of information.

PUBLIC HEALTH (*Chuck Smyser, Dick Shaffer*)**Health Department**

Draft report is prepared.

Union Hospital

Draft report is prepared.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (*Dick Shaffer*)

Draft report is prepared.

HIGHER EDUCATION/CECIL COLLEGE (*Sarah Colenda*)

Draft report is prepared.

PUBLIC LIBRARY (*Pat Folk*)

Pat Folk and Dick Shaffer have met with Denise Davis, Director of the Public Library and Pat will be working with Denise to gather information. It may be August before we receive information from Denise as she wants the Library Board to participate in the process. Denise may also request to meet with the Public Services subcommittee.

SOLID WASTE (*Vicki Strause*)

Information was received from Pete Bieniek, Chief of Solid Waste Management, at this meeting. Solid Waste management was reported on at this meeting and notes can be found in New Business. Vicki Strause continues to provide subcommittee oversight relative to the County's plan and other information on solid waste.

New Business

Dick Shaffer reviewed outcomes of the meeting. New business included receiving information on the Solid Waste Management long range plan and completed drafts of some plans including Cecil County Public Schools, Cecil College, Public Health, Union Hospital, Correctional Services, Juvenile Services and the Department of Emergency Services.

Dick Shaffer reported that he met with Michael Bayer, ERM, on May 13, 2008 as to the formatting of draft reports to ERM.

Pete Bieniek, Chief of Solid Waste Management, presented information on the Department of Solid Waste long range plan. The following represents some of the information, discussion points, and dialogue pertinent to the presentation.

Cecil County has a solid waste management plan that is currently undergoing update (March 2008). The Cecil County Solid Waste Management Plan is currently undergoing revision. Solid Waste handling facilities in the County include: *the Central Landfill* located at 758 E. Old Philadelphia Road, North East, MD., consists of 418 acres of which three cells take up about 40% of the approximately 100 acres identified for solid waste disposal ; *the Stemmer's Run Transfer Station* (Stemmer's Run) located at 45 Stemmers Run Road, Earleville, MD., and *the Woodlawn Transfer Station* (Woodlawn), located at 565 Waibel Road , Port Deposit, MD.

It is the opinion of the Department of Solid Waste that with appropriate upgrades and development of progressive programs, existing facilities at the Central Landfill and two transfer stations will accommodate the needs of the county through the life of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Cecil County boasts a recycle rate of 56.66% which is among the leaders in the State.

Proposed Recommendations that the Committee is considering include the following:

- Goals and objectives must be consistent with the land uses stated in the County's Comprehensive Plan.
- Solid waste facilities must be in conformance with all applicable land uses.
- Future solid waste management facilities must be developed in accordance with the County's zoning and land use regulations, and consistent with the State, regional, and local comprehensive land use plans and regulations.
- Expand existing facilities where possible to meet County needs.
- Plan capital improvements based on rate of growth projections.
- Limit the provision of facilities and service in rural areas of the County.
- Assume public facilities are maintained in an efficient manner.
- Encourage single stream recycling.
- Pursue waste to energy diversion to extend the life cycle of the current solid waste management facilities.
- Pursue the gas to energy production sales as long as the benefits are cost effective.
- Pursue waste to energy options independently or partner with Harford County.

The June 4, 2008 Public Services Subcommittee meeting has been cancelled. Seven of eleven drafts have been completed. The Committee decided to have the drafts sent to committee members for critique. Changes are to be sent to the Chairperson.

Recommendations/Action Items for Staff and Consultants

Recommendations/Action Items for Oversight Committee

None at this time.

Adjournment – 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting is August 6, 2008

Minutes Prepared by: Henry Shaffer, Chairperson

Date: May 28, 2008