

Solar Task Force (Wednesday, November 18, 2020)

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Members present

Dr Michael Cain, Jeffrey Shaw, Bryan Thomas Sr, G. Mike Thompson and Bonnie Kelnberger via WebEx.

Consultant present

Les Knapp via WebEx

Staff present

Harry Knight, Deputy Director, Land Use and Growth Management

Amy Carter, WebEx Operator

Sarah Miller, Video/Media Assistant

Sandie Greene, Recorder

Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM

1. 4:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order.

B. Approval of Minutes from the October 14, 2020, Solar Task Force meeting.
Move to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2020, Solar Task Force.

Motion by Bryan Thomas Sr, second by George Thompson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, Bryan Thomas Sr, G. Mike Thompson

2. 4:10 p.m. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation: Protection of Farmland from Solar Development.

Cindy Greb, Executive Director of Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development
Bruce Young, District Manager, St. Mary's Soil Conservation District

3. 4:45 p.m. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the Task Force Report

Dr. Cain, Chair, presented three documents.

1. Draft Final Report Outline for St. Mary's County Solar Task Force. This is a working document and will be discussed and updated throughout future meetings.

2. Recommendations-

- Global- 1 Solar Survey (Site mapping) in process
- 2- Freeze on utility scale solar projects- Mr. Shaw asked to be noted that he will either recuse himself or remain silent during the Utility freeze discussion

- Residential and Commercial/Industrial/Institutional- to be discussed in the December meeting, request recommendations to be emailed to Dr. Cain one week prior to the meeting.
- Utility Scale- to be discussed in the January meeting

3. Principles

Move to accept the provided Principles in the final Task Force Report to include Principles

1. Improve Quality of Life
2. Protect and Promote Economic Development
4. Encourage Smart Solar Development
5. Promote Clear and Transparent Processes
6. Encourage Equity

Motion by Dr. Michael Cain, second by Jeffrey Show.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, Bryan Thomas Sr and G. Mike Thompson

Principle number 3, Protect the Environment, will be tabled and readdressed in December to add to the accepted five other Principles for the report.

4. 6:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Move to Adjourn the November 18, 2020, Solar Task Force meeting.

Motion by Dr Michael Cain, second by Jeffrey Shaw.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffrey Shaw, Bryan Thomas Sr, G. Mike Thompson

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.