

# Memorandum

Howard County Fueling Station Task Force Meeting  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014  
Gray Room, George Howard Bldg.  
9am

**Start time:** 9:05am

**Members Present:** Regina Aris, Meagan Braganca, Stephen Cook, Karen Hart, Dick King, Jerry Lioi, Ron Meliker, Rizwan Siddiqi, Vernon Thompson, and Sharonlee Vogel

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Bob Lalush and Theodore Wimberly

Meeting called to order by Dick King, Chair

## **Presentations and Discussion:**

Dr. Henry Cole, Who gave a presentation entitled, “Siting Recommendations for New, Large Gas Stations in Howard County, Maryland”. Some of the recommendations and notable points that Dr. Cole made were:

- Buffers were needed for new large gas stations to minimize the effects and risks of air pollution on public health.
  - The buffer should be approximately 1,000 feet from hospitals, schools, daycares, and recreation sites.
  - Large gas stations are those that produce at least 3.6 million gallons per year.
  - Gasoline pollution produces Benzene vapor, which is major health risk.
- Buffers were needed for new large gas stations to protect natural resources.
  - There should be at least a 500 foot buffer from parks and woodlands, wells and reservoirs, and critical ground water areas.

**Deliverables:** Task Force Members below discussed the six deliverables and made presentations that are to be uploaded on the Task Force webpage:

Deliverable #1 – Meagan (formal presentation will be at the next meeting)

Deliverable #2 – Karen – Did a presentation on the best practices for locating/siting gasoline stations by evaluating standards in Montgomery County, Charles County and the Environmental Protection Agency

Deliverable #3 – Jerry and Vernon – Did a presentation on New Town Zoning and the Columbia Village Centers.

Deliverable #4 – Dick – Did a presentation which evaluated the supply, demand and practice of fueling stations over the last decade in the County, State, and Nationally.

Deliverable #5 – Vernon and Stephen – Did a presentation on making recommendations for developing standards and possible amendments for fueling stations in New Town and in Howard County Zoning Regulations, incorporating the findings of science and best practices available.

Deliverable #6 – Regina – Touched on issues surrounding alternative fueling sources.

**Tentative Meeting Schedule** – tentative dates – 10/29, 11/3 NOTE NEW DATE (6pm public hearing), 11/19

Meeting closed at 11:35am

-Submitted by: Theodore Wimberly