

RESOLUTION NO. 10-03

RESOLUTION CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel supports a healthy environment with clean air, clean water, clean roadways and development that is sensitive to natural resources,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee to address environmental concerns and to develop strategies for the City and general public to address these concerns,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee which would provide environmental programs to further educate the general public and to recognize City businesses and organizations that work to improve the environment,

WHEREAS, the goal of the committee would be to achieve lasting improvements to the quality of the environment and natural resources while working with other organizations and City departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Maryland that a new Environmental Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee be and hereby is created with duties as follows:

1. Name. The name of the Committee shall be the City of Laurel Environmental Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee.
2. Purpose and duties. The Committee shall protect and improve the health and welfare of the City's environment by the following duties.
 - a. Coordinate and advise the Mayor and City Council, City departments and other businesses and organizations of environmental issues in an around the City.
 - b. Identify specific areas that may need improvement.
 - c. Subject to section 4 below, organize and provide educational programs for the business community and members of the general public, and
 - d. Recognize those in the community that are making improvements in the environment.
3. Budget. The Committee shall receive no budget and Committee members shall receive no salary. Participation on the Committee shall be voluntary.

4. Membership. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members as follows.
 - a. The members shall have a desire, interest and concern in the protection of the environment in and around the City.
 - b. Each member shall be appointed for a two (2) year term.
 - c. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
 - d. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be a member of the City Council.
 - e. The Vice Chairperson shall be elected from the Committee membership.
 - f. One Committee member shall serve as the Secretary and shall keep records of Committee meetings.
 - g. One Committee member shall be a representative of City businesses.
 - h. The Committee shall be made up of City residents.

5. Programs. The Committee shall plan and run programs to educate the business community and members of the general public as follows.
 - a. The Committee shall plan and conduct at least two (2) citywide programs every year.
 - b. The programs shall be on the subject of the environment or other related topic.

6. Meetings shall be held bi-monthly, beginning the first Tuesday or Thursday of the Month at City Hall at 7:30 pm or at any other time as set by the Chairperson and as necessary.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 2003.

KIMBERLY A. RAU
Clerk to the City Council

G. RICK WILSON
President of the City Council

APPROVED this 28th day of July, 2003.

CRAIG A. MOE
Mayor

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Underlining _____ indicates new language.