



Residential Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting
May 8, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Yolanda Winkler, Richard Luna, Audrey Jones-Taylor, Darnell Ingram, Shamiya Jackson, Angela Cole, Carol Thomas, Edward Yelochan, Haydee Rodriquez, Howard Hughes, John Czczulin, Crystal Parker, Rosalind Griffin, Vincent Ustach, Charles Jackson, Terrance Brown

Recording Notes: Carmellita Green and Jamilah Johnson

I. DPW “Did You Know” Updates/Changes - Deputy Director Richard Luna

Richard Luna extended his gratitude to RAC members for joining the Mayor’s Spring Clean Up. As Public Works Week slowly approaches, we would like to remind our staff to participate in some of the events and activities to show appreciation for your passion and diligence. These activities include:

- Saturday, May 13th: Public Works Month/Big Truck Day. 9 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16th: Bowl With DPW
- Thursday, May 18th: DPW Symposium at Lexington Market. 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 27th: Open House from 12-2

A detailed list of events will be sent out to each member of RAC.

a) Emails/Business Cards - Yolanda Winkler

Business Cards are in progress (layout shown on screen) they will be listed as a RAC member with the Office of Strategic Alliance & Youth Services as the place of contact. Registering as the BaltimoreDPWRAC.gov insures the safety and security of the infrastructure and system.

b) Electronic Water Billing Incentive Ends May 31st – Deputy Director Richard Luna

Five percent discount given to residents who sign-up for paperless billing. it is a one-time discount. The link and instructions are in the chat. DPW has received \$20 million from the State to assist residents with arrearages on the water bill. DPW is working with the State to see how the money will be allocated.

II. Presentation on Environmental Restoration Project

MS4 Project Briefing: See Presentation attached.

III. DPW Annual Report – 2-Years in Review – Chief of Staff Audrey Jones-Taylor

We are in the process of creating the annual report. The outline was shared on-screen. However, more information will be given as we progress throughout the year.

IV. Other Concerns/Questions/Comments – RAC Members

Kim Grove: Will the Environmental Restoration Project partner with Adopt-A-Lot?

Megan Hazer: We are primarily partnering with the HCD but yes, we are partners with the Adopt-A-Lot.

Rosalind Griffin: Does stormwater impact the flow of sewage? Is it hazardous to our neighborhoods?

Megan Hazer: They're separate entities that cause no harm.

Rosalind Griffin: Who do I reach out to if the storm drain is clogged, trash and debris sometimes fill the surface of the storm drain, interrupting the flow?

Yolanda Winkler: Please call 311. UMD will send a crew out to address.

Rosalind Griffin: Would the pipes be on top of that structure (shown on-screen)? How would that work?

Megan Hazer: The pipes would actually be located below our bio-retention structure, as you can see we made the pipes less obvious by creating the "plant look" above the piping.

The meeting was adjourned @6:30 p.m. The next meeting is June 12, 2023.