

Meeting Minutes Feb 23, 2023 6:30 P.M. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Chinaka A. Barbour
Warren Beeton
Dr Joseph P Boutte
Demetrius Miguel Brown
Christopher Carroll
J. Randall Freed, Chair
Elizabeth H. Ward, Vice Chair

## **UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE**

Christine Hoeffner Gilbert Jaramillo Scott McGeary Perrin Palistrant Don Pannell Brendon Shaw

Cedar Run Conference Room McCoart Building 1 County Complex Court Prince William, VA 22192

<u>Present:</u> Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Dr. Joseph P. Boutte, Warren Beeton, Christopher Carroll, J. Randall Freed, Elizabeth H. Ward

Non-voting Commissioners – Christine Hoeffner, Scott McGeary, Don Pannell

Giulia Manno – Director, Office of Sustainability; Salita Gray – Sustainability Commission Clerk

Tauhirah AbdulMatin – Project Manager, AECOM; Vanessa Goh – GHG Mitigation Lead, AECOM

**Absent:** Commissioner Demetrius Miguel Brown

**Roll Call:** Quorum Present

- New utilities representative Christine Hoeffner from Virginia Railway Express was introduced.
- Approved resolution for commissioner remote participation: [VOTING RECORD: Motion R Freed; Second; E Ward; Ayes-by acclimation; Nays- None]

Citizen's Time: None

## **Old Business**

 Approved meeting minutes from January 26, 2023. [VOTING RECORD: Motion E Ward; Second W Beeton; Ayes- by acclamation; Nays- None]

## **New Business**

- Approved resolution to appoint Chinaka Barbour to Joint Environmental Taskforce [VOTING RECORD: Motion R Freed; Second E Ward; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]
- T AbdulMatin and V Goh from AECOM reviewed the Renewable Energy goals and provided overview of methodology of the GHG Forecast and Reduction Scenario.
- Commissioners requested follow up information on approach to addressing these goals, including how baseline data will be calculated.
- Commissioners recommended that the GHG Forecast and Reduction Scenario be revised to include projected impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act. AECOM and county staff responded that the GHG Forecast and Reduction Scenario will not be revised, but the projected impacts of the IRA will be included in the CESMP.
- T AbdulMatin presented the Climate Mitigation and Climate Adaptation action lists and reviewed the incorporated feedback from the Core Team and Commission.
- Commissioners reiterated that carbon offsets should be included as an option for the county in the CESMP
- T AbdulMatin reviewed the Evaluation Criteria feedback from the Core Team and solicited feedback from commissioners.
- Commissioners reiterated that cost effectiveness be primary evaluation criteria for the action lists.
- Commissioners discussed the CESMP workgroups and were asked to provide submit their recommendations to G Manno.

## Commissioner's Time

- C Barbour provided an update on the first Joint Environmental Taskforce meeting.
- J Boutte asked if AECOM could provide a video demonstrating the use of the ASAP tool in evaluating different prioritization scenarios.
- C Carroll asked for AECOM slides, including the reduction scenarios that were presented to the Core Team in October 2022.

- E Ward provided information about an upcoming hearing at DEQ regarding data centers' diesel backup generators.
- D Pannell let the commission know that the Service Authority provides tours at the Waste Water Treatment plant.
- R Freed expressed that the commission would still like a briefing on data center energy consumption by G Jaramillo and asked commissioners to share any additional agenda items they would like covered.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9: 42 PM