

Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024 6:30 P.M. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Chinaka A. Barbour
Warren Beeton
Tiziana Bottino
Dr Joseph P Boutte
J. Randall Freed, Chair
Stephanie Johnson
Martin Jeter
Elizabeth H. Ward, Vice Chair

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Christine Hoeffner Gilbert Jaramillo Scott McGeary Perrin Palistrant Don Pannell Kyle Reglin

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

<u>Present:</u> Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Warren Beeton, Dr Joseph Boutte, J. Randall Freed, Stephanie Johnson, Martin Jeter, Elizabeth Ward

Non-voting Commissioners –Gil Jaramillo, Scott McGeary, Don Pannell, Kyle Reglin

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Administrative Specialist

Absent: Commissioner Eric Wiesbock

Non-voting Commissioners Christine Hoeffner, Perrin Palistrant

Roll Call: Quorum Present

- Approve remote participation for R Freed, G Jaramillo, and S McGeary [VOTING RECORD: Motion E Ward; Second W Beeton; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]
- Introduction of Stephanie Johnson to the Sustainability Commission

<u>Citizen's Time</u>: T Bottino gave a thanks and farewell to the commissioners. She will continue to attend meetings as a citizen.

Old Business

 Approve February 1, 2024 meeting minutes. [VOTING RECORD: Motion M Jeter; Second Dr. J Boutte; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]

- Tanya Washington and David McGettigan from the Planning office gave a presentation on the integration of CESMP in the Comprehensive Plan. David reviewed the Comprehensive Plan chapters that the CESMP is relevant to. He updated that Planning will be working with the Office of Emergency Management on resiliency planning to monitor flooding and to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan amendment. Next step is to get the request for the Comprehensive Plan initiation amendment to the Board of County Supervisors. Once initiated, stakeholders will be identified and engaged, there will be a review of best practices, data gathering and analysis, community outreach and public hearings for recommendations and lastly adoption by the Board.
- M Jeter followed up on criteria for identifying high-priority SC projects with commissioner's feedback.
- Commissioners discussed what topics to bring forward to Chair Jefferson at the March 28th meeting.
- G Manno gave an update for FY24/25 budget. In December, the board allocated \$3M in CIP funds for the implementation of the CESMP. She shared the upcoming milestone for the budget process to include a virtual community meeting on February 24th along with work session on March 12th and 19th. On March 19th there will be a budget public hearing.
- G Manno provided update on hiring the Climate and Energy Manager, a candidate has been selected and an offer has been sent.

New Business

• C Barbour and G Manno provided update on JET meeting. A representative from Compost Crew did a presentation and discussed the feasibility of compost around the county. G Manno next steps are to get in contact with the Lorton landfill to see if they have room for a landing pad. Beville Middle School had solar panels installed on roof and Battlefield will be next.

Commissioner's Time

- S Johnson is interested in working on conservation projects and would be happy to share ideas with the commission for sustainable landscaping incorporated into projects
- Dr J Boutte offered his assistance to help with developing data visualizations commission recommendations to present to the Board.

- Don Pannell clarified that Service Authority job is make sure that public drinking water supports the comprehensive plan. They established that they have sufficient drinking water to support the comprehensive plan beyond 2045.
- R Freed extended a welcome to S Johnson to the commission.
- G Jaramillo inquired about battery storage projects and proposed the commissioners put together a letter of support for their projects. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM