

Meeting Minutes March 28, 2024 6:30 P.M.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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

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, Dr Joseph Boutte, J. Randall Freed, Stephanie Johnson, Martin Jeter, Elizabeth Ward, Erik Wiesbock

Non-voting Commissioners -Gil Jaramillo, Scott McGeary, Kyle Reglin

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

Absent: Warren Beeton

Non-voting Commissioners- Christine Hoeffner, Perrin Palistrant

Roll Call: Quorum Present

- Approve remote participation for S McGeary [VOTING RECORD: Motion E Ward; Second M Jeter; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]
- Introduction of Erik Wiesbock to the Sustainability Commission

Citizen's Time: None

Old Business

- Approve February 22, 2024 meeting minutes. [VOTING RECORD: Motion M Jeter; Second E Ward; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]
- R Freed presented the Forecast of Data Center GHG Emissions briefing he developed and

the commissioners discussed sharing this information with their Supervisors.

- M Jeter discussed reviewing the application for the Waterloo Solar Farm project in Nokesville that will be presented to the Board of County Supervisors. Discussed the current process of Sustainability Commissions role with projects and suggested the Commission may want to pursue the ability to be an official reviewing organization for the county in the future.
- G Manno provided an update on the proposed CIP and General Fund FY25 budget. Provided a presentation to the Board of County Supervisors on resources that are currently allocated for the CESMP and how they are being utilized. April 2nd is a budget work session where the schools will be doing their budget presentation. April 9th is the budget recap, tax rates and fees public hearing. April 16th is budget markup, and April 23rd is budget adoption.
- G Manno gave an update that the new Climate and Energy Program Manager will be starting in mid-April.

New Business

- S Johnson discussed the implementation of Nature Based Solutions for landscaping and healthy forest management. Shared that preserving eco services will be helpful for the county to meet our climate mitigation and resiliency goals, and highlighted that invasive plants are a significant issue to be managed for preserving eco services.
- R Freed discussed the plans for meeting with Chair Jefferson on April 25th. Commissioners discussed that they would like to provide background on the Commission's mission, composition, activities to date and challenges.

Commissioner's Time

- S Johnson would like for the Commission to engage the community more in sustainability initiatives.
- S McGeary thinks the discussion with Chair Jefferson is going to be very important for the Sustainability Commission.
- G Manno informed that MWCOG will be submitting the regional CPRG grant application on April 1st. The budget initiatives will include implementing building decarbonization programs, expanding building sector workforce development solution, and supporting

electrification of municipal vehicle fleets.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM