



Meeting Minutes

**September 19,
2024**

6:00 PM

Building 51, Room 203
Independent Hill Complex
14800 Joplin Rd
Manassas, VA 20108

Present: JET Appointees – Kenny Boddy, Jennifer Boeder, Karen Carney, Lonnie Harris, Lucas Hisghman, Paige Thacker, Julius Williams

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Joint Environmental Taskforce

Absent: Chinaka Barbour, Matthew Villareale, Jessica Weimer, Loree Williams

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Quorum Present

Public Comment Time: None

Consent Agenda: Approved July 18, 2024 meeting minutes [VOTING RECORD: Motion J Williams; Second L Harris-by acclamation; Nays- None]

Old Business:

- G Manno reached out to the county Transportation and Planning offices regarding the progress of the school/public walkability analysis. An app was developed that allows volunteers to identify and document issues related to safety and connectivity around schools, libraries and parks. They are still in the process of coordinating volunteers and no data has been uploaded yet.

New Business:

- G Manno informed on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) funding grants for reforestation. Bristow Station was identified as a potential site for reforestation and NVRC can allocate \$20,00 for the project. Schools and the county may want to coordinate for next year's round of funding.

- K Boddye provided an update on faculty/staff transit accessibility to schools and non K-12 facilities. Discussed potential survey for school and county staff to see if they are interested in taking public transit to work, and where they are commuting from.
- K Boddye informed about the management of construction dirt during development of county and school projects. He inquired what are the schools doing with their dirt during projects and if there are opportunities for partnership with the county to collaborate with the movement of dirt.

Member Time:

- P Thacker informed she is working with several agencies to plan and set up a Prince William Native Plant Event on February 8th.
- K Carney inquired about restarting field trips to the county landfill. There is a need for a bus and a certified driver.
- J Boeder informed The Environmental Council participates in DEQ's Virginia Environmental Excellence Program, and they get a recertification for environmental programs. The 3 goals they are working on are watershed protection, fuel tank management and chemical management.
- K Boddye updated that the Board is in the process of pulling together their 2025 legislative agenda and he thought it was important to have a discussion on solar interconnection fees with the General Assembly.

Departmental Reports:

- G Manno informed of the kickoff on the CESMP and implementation meetings with agencies. Each agency shared what they are working on and prioritized particularly for the FY26 budget request. Facilities and Fleet Management has an electrification study going on for 10 county buildings to determine if it's sensible to electrify them and what is the most cost-effective way of doing so. The Sustainability Office is hiring for the Greenhouse Gas and Sustainability Data Analyst position.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM