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Chester County Environmental and
Energy Advisory Board

Hybrid Meeting – Room 351/Zoom
Government Services Center
January 26, 2022

AGENDA

- 2:30 p.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER
- A. Welcome *Jess Cadorette, Chair*
- 2:35 p.m. 2. ACTION ITEM
- B. Appointment of 2022 Officers *Nominating Committee*
- C. Adoption of October 27, 2021 Minutes *Chair*
- 2:50 p.m. 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- D. Update on EEAB Subcommittees *Carol Stauffer/Chair*
- E. Utility Scale Solar Guide *Brian O’Leary*
- 3:35 p.m. 4. UPDATES AND COMMENTS
- F. Regional Power Purchase Agreement Update *Jan Bowers/Carol Stauffer*
- G. Climate Action Plan Outreach *Carol Stauffer*
- H. Planning Commission Director’s Report *Brian O’Leary*
- Sustainability Director status
 - Future presentations to EEAB on topics of interest
- I. Other Updates *Board Members*
- J. Public Comment
- 4:00 p.m. 5. ADJOURNMENT

Next quarterly meeting – April 27, 2022

Attachments:

Draft October 27, 2021 Minutes
Subcommittee Descriptions – Volunteers to Date

Utility Solar Scale information to be sent separately



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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Jess Cadorette, Chair; Paul Spiegel, Vice-Chair; Brian O'Leary, Secretary; Seung Ah Byun; Ann Hutchinson; Steve Krug; Jim Wylie.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Jon Altshul; Mark Connolly; Carol DeWolf; David Mazzocco; Kathleen McCaig; Mike Murphy; Scott Neumann; Dave Stauffer; Kevin Warren; Will Williams.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE: David Busch.

OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Beth Cunliffe, CCPC; Gene Huller, CCPC; Benny Nein, CCPC; Carol Stauffer, Assistant Director, CCPC; Suzanne Wozniak, CCPC.

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Carolyn Conwell, CCPC; Steve Sinclair, CC Facilities.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Environmental and Energy Advisory Board meeting held in the Government Services Center Room 351 and via Zoom video/audio on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 was called to order at 2:32 P.M. by Chair Jess Cadorette.

Ms Cadorette introduced Ms. McCaig as the new member of the Environmental and Energy Advisory Board. Ms. McCaig joins the board as an Associate Planner from the Brandywine Conservancy.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adoption of July 28, 2021 Minutes:

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2021 MEETING WAS MADE BY MR. ALTSHUL, SECONDED BY MR. KRUG, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Adoption of the 2022 Meeting Schedule:

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE WAS MADE BY MR. O'LEARY, SECONDED BY MR. KRUG, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Establishment of 2022 Nominating Committee:

A MOTION TO NOMINATE MS. DEWOLF, MR. KRUG AND MS. BYUN AS THE 2022 OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS MADE BY MR. KRUG, SECONDED BY MR. SPIEGEL, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Solar Power Guide Proposal:

Mr. O’Leary presented a draft proposed outline to work jointly with Montgomery County to create a Solar Power Guide. This guide will focus on utility scale solar facilities, primarily as a resource for municipalities. The work for this guide would be split between Chester and Montgomery County staff with the guidance from the proposed Environmental and Energy Board Sustainable Energy Subcommittee.

Proposed EEAB Subcommittees:

Ms. Stauffer discussed creating EEAB subcommittees to assist with CCPC’s 2021/2022 work program initiatives that relate directly to the Climate Action Plan’s (CAP) strategies and Landscapes³, as well as other immediate or short-term priorities identified in the CAP. The proposed subcommittees are as follow:

A. Sustainable Energy Subcommittee

This subcommittee would focus on initiatives specific to the advancement of clean energy, no/low emissions transportation, and energy conservation initiatives. EEAB representatives that are most knowledgeable on alternative energy and climate change issues would be particularly helpful on this subcommittee.

B. Environmental Subcommittee

This subcommittee would primarily focus its attention on several 2021 Work Program initiatives, including the woodland and tree preservation effort, the municipal open space initiative, and the Open Space and Protect Summits. There would also be opportunities to help promote initiatives on waste reduction and diversion. The Land Conservancy, CCCD, Parks, and WRA representatives and others with an interest in resource protection could be particularly helpful on this subcommittee.

UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

Climate Action Plan Update:

Ms. Stauffer provided an update on the status of the Climate Action Plan. The Chester County Climate Action Plan was adopted by the County Commissioners on October 7, 2021. The plan is available on the Planning Commission Environment, Climate Action Planning webpage <https://chescoplanning.org/Environmental/ClimateAction.cfm>. Ms. Stauffer requested for members of the board to let us know if they would like printed copies.

Regional Power Purchase Agreement Update:

Ms. Stauffer presented a status of the Chester County Regional Power Purchase Agreement. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) along with representatives from Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Delaware counties had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to obtain the services of a consultant to explore specific options on how best to aggregate and procure renewable energy for the counties. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted to the DVRPC website August 25, 2021 seeking consultants to provide technical support and guidance in evaluating, recommending, and assisting with long term strategies for electricity procurement and

renewable energy procurement for government operations. Eight RFPs were submitted, and four consultants were selected for interviews. DVRPC and the county representatives will be conducting the interviews on October 29 with the expectation to have a consultant selected by December and on board in early 2022.

Planning Commission Director's Report:

The board members were provided with the draft list of projects for the Planning Commission draft 2022 work program. Mr. O'Leary highlighted the new projects for 2022 which fall under two goal areas in *Landscapes3*. New projects are as follows.

Preserve Goal:

1. Cluster Design Guide update

Protect Goal:

1. Solar Power Guide
2. Woodland and Tree Conservation and Preservation

A Vision Partnership Program grant was awarded to West Vincent, West Pikeland, East Pikeland and Schuylkill Township for an Energy Transition Plan.

Mr. O'Leary reported that the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE) is continuing to move forward. Mr. Krug mentioned there is a request for proposal for hiring an administrator for the program.

Other Updates:

Mr. Krug mentioned that the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) will support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. The FY 2021 application period for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs), which includes the BRIC program, opened on Sept. 30, 2021, and will close at 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Jan. 28, 2022.

Mr. Murphy added that the BRIC program is extremely competitive, however, due to the recent damage from the Ida storm flooding, funding opportunities are still available for municipalities and individuals that are planning projects related to Ida recovery.

Mr. Wylie shared that the first West Chester Area EAC/SAC Summit is being held October 27, 2021. Representatives from the areas environmental and sustainability councils and committees will share best practices and discuss possible opportunities for collaboration.

Mr. Krug mentioned that the Chester County Commissioners presented a proclamation for Energy Efficiency Day on October 6, 2021.

Ms. DeWolf shared that the Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO) will hold its annual meeting on November 11, 2021 beginning at 4:00 PM. Mr. O'Leary will be a featured speaker at the event.

The next quarterly meeting will be on January 26, 2022.

Public Comment:

There were no questions or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:51 PM. WAS MADE BY MR. KRUG, SECONDED BY MR. O'LEARY, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian N. O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Brian N. O'Leary, AICP
Secretary

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