

# Committee on the Environment

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

# Agenda — Jan. 2020

**Monday, Jan. 6, 2020** 7:15pm-9:00pm, Takoma Park Community Center – Hydrangea Room  
11 members

John Ackerly--CONVENOR  
Denis Borum  
Jeffrey Brokaw  
Sharon Cohen  
Colleen Cordes

Michael Feldman-Wiencek  
Hellen Gelband--NOTES  
Seth Grimes  
Kopal Jha  
Kirsten Stade

Elizabeth Thompson  
Gina Matthias—Sustainability manager

**QUORUM** \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Notes
Preliminaries: 7:15 – 7:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The December 2019 minutes</li><li>• Review agenda</li><li>• Applications for two candidates for the committee were forwarded for our information. One of them is not a Takoma Park resident, but this may not be a requirement. We will await the Council’s decision on both of them.</li></ul>
Public Comments: 7:25 – 7:30	
Sustainability and Climate Action Plan: 7:30 – 7:55 (Gina Matthias)	<b>Update on TKPK Climate Action Plan</b> <b>Update on MoCO’s efforts</b> <b>Update on TKPK GREEN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM</b>
Criteria to Evaluate GHG Reductions Goals: 7:55 - 8:00	Please feel free to comment on the <a href="#">proposed metrics for evaluating GHG reductions strategies</a> in the document directly.
2020 Priorities: 8:00 - 8:10	The changes that we agreed upon at the last meeting have been incorporated into the <a href="#">2020 Priorities doc.</a>
2020 Budget Recommendations: 8:10 – 8:20	DRAFT for discussion: Propose \$100k for consultants and/or staff to support Gina’s and urban forestry work, with the goals of developing and implementing first steps to get TKPK to net zero by 2035, with drafts for specific action tasks, timelines, and metrics.
Urban Forest Subcommittee: 8:20 – 8:35	Update from Jeff
City Parking Task Force: 8:35 – 8:40	COE recommendations to Task Force – Update from John
Cell towers: 8:40 – 8:50	Update from Colleen
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**Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 6, Hydrangea Room**

## DECEMBER ACTION ITEMS

- Elizabeth and John to draft CoE letter of support for these changes and the addition of mandatory home energy audits for house sales. They will circulate the draft by email for review and approval.
- Members should comment on the Green Certification draft directly in shared file.
- Members to send comments on 2020 priorities to Elizabeth.
- Gina will upload current budget projection for comment, including suggesting moving money, increasing, decreasing.
- Jeff will prepare a 1-pager on trees, similar to the priorities 1-pager, including budget scenarios.

## VOTES

- CoE voted unanimously to sign on to the Community Choice Energy letter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mo Co?
- Wednesday mornings, 7:30-9 am: TALLE Climate Action discussions at Busboys & Poets

## POINTS OF CONTACT

- Education and Outreach: Kirsten, Seth
- Energy: John, Elizabeth, Michael, Seth
- Library: John, Elizabeth
- Urban Forest: Jeffrey, Sharon
- Zero Waste: Kirsten, Seth, Hellen
- Cell towers: Colleen, Hellen

## LOCAL TKPK GROUPS

- Takoma Park Mobilization TALLE – Takoma Alliance for Local Living Economy has started a Wednesday Climate Action Coffee Series at Busboys & Poets, 7:30-9 am. Coffee is free! URL: <http://tpmobilization.org/talle>
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<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/energy/committees-and-partners.html>