

Sustainable Maryland Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2024

Attendance

Dorothy Estrada

Janet Owens

Orissa Samaroo

Jeremy Schwartz

Emanuel Wagner

Cindy Dyballa, Ward 2 Takoma Park City Council

Guest: Melissa Klein

The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm.

The SMC adopted the minutes of January 8, 2024.

Discussion

- (1) Cindy Dyballa attended the meeting as the City Council Liaison. She was appointed by the City Council to serve as a liaison between the Council and the SMD Committee. The Liaison serves to increase the connection between the Committee and the City Council but is not a voting member of the Committee. The role of Liaison will be reviewed in 6 months to determine its impact and effectiveness.
 - a. Council Member Dyballa reviewed the City Council priorities with the Committee:
 - i. Environmental sustainability is the overarching goal
 - ii. Climate Change mitigation; Greenhouse gas resiliency
 - iii. Manage natural resources of the community, largely trees
 - b. Budget review – the expectation is that it will be tight; some key areas:
 - i. Recreation center
 - ii. Public space management plan
 - iii. Implement Community Navigation Program
 - iv. Improve Traffic Policies
 - v. Environmental Sustainability – advancing electrification
 - vi. Low income housing through public-private partnership

- (2) Draft Presentations for the City Council on proposed Sustainability Actions were delivered to the Committee

- a. Janet Owens delivered a draft presentation to the Committee on food waste management and composting.
- b. Emanuel Wagner delivered a draft presentation on a proposal for installing fast EV chargers at multi-family buildings.
- c. The Committee members provided feedback to incorporate in a revised draft to the presenters. There will be one more draft presentation on February 5, 2024 before presenting to the City Council on February 7, 2024.

The Committee adjourned at 8:30pm.