



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 9 @ 4 p.m.
Zoom Meeting



Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)		
X	Steve Clark	Brooke Garcher (DVRPC)
X	David Director	
	Carol Martsolf	
	Julie Prey	
X	Jaclyn Rhoads	
X	Michael Schneller	
	Grace Venit	
X	Joi Washington	
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)		
	John Bosch	Elaine Schaffer, County Council
X	Gina Burritt	Lesley Klawitter, Delaware Solid Waste Authority and Recycling Coordinator
	Anne Stauffer	
	Jonathan Coret	
	Ron Aquilino	

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
	Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
X	Sue DePompeo	
X	Karen Wilwol	
X	Becca Yurkovich	

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Becca Yurkovich(4:00 PM - 4:10 PM)
2. Instructions for Public Comment - Becca Yurkovich(4:10 - 4:12 PM)
3. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes - Becca Yurkovich(4:12 - 4:15 PM)
 - a. Motion by: Jacalyn Rhodes
 - b. Second: Joi Washington
 - c. Motion carries
4. Subcommittee Formation - Education and Outreach (Vote Required) - Becca Yurkovich(4:15 - 4:20 PM)
5. *Public Comment* (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)
6. Presentation Regional Benchmarking Pilot - Brooke Garcher, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (4:25 - 4:40 pm)
 - a. Part of Sustainable Building collaborative, partnership between DVRPC, Green Building United and local Governments.
 - b. Track, benchmark and reduce GHG and energy use from facilities
 - c. Energy Star Portfolio Manager used. Free tool., easy to use.
 - d. Work with select municipalities towards a benchmarking ordinance.
 - i. Lower Merion, West Chest, Middletown, Radnor, West Whiteland
 - ii. Turnkey services offered if ordinances are adopted.
 - iii. Free use of BEAM tool to enhance compliance.
 - e. Workshops planned for 2025 to enhance uptake.
 - f. School district will be accepted.
 - g. Brook to share slides and application form, Becca to share.
 - h. Commission to promote to municipalities through email.
 - i. Timeframe: pilot to kick off this spring for < 10 munis, interested munis should reach out Jan–Feb. *Contact:* bgarcher@dvrpc.org

7. Formalize Education and Outreach Committee :
 - a. Carol, David Director, Anne Stauffer, Michael
 - b. Julie led motion, Micheal seconded, motion carried
8. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich (4:40 PM - 4:50 PM)
 - a. Cancel or move June meeting due to Sustainability conference?
 - i. Jacalyn suggests cancellation OR hold at the conference June 7 and engage participants.
 - ii. Jacalyn led the motion to move to June 7th , Karen seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Cancel August Commission meeting.
 - i. Karen suggested consolidating 2 meetings in between scheduled times.
 - ii. No decision to change summer meeting.
 - c. Departmental update
 - i. Offer made to Rebcca so
 - ii. Sustainability and resiliency manager needs to be backfilled.
 1. Becca is working on job description.
 - iii. 2 Vacancies open for positions for two environmental Justic positions
 - iv. Grace Bennet had to resign position on Session. Seeking to fil this role.
 - d. Grant updates
 - i. SWIFR Grant Submitted Dec 20.
 1. Community Composting facility (Chester)
 2. Recycling hub (Chester)
 3. Hazardous Waste collection (Marple)
 - ii. USDA compost and food waste reduction was not awarded.
 - iii. EECBG funding \$406,930 grant awarded
 1. LED preplacement and submetering for Government Center
 - iv. Tree Canopy Study,
 1. Phase 2B mapping to be completed March 2025.
 - v. Green and Healthy Home Initiative,
 - e. Zero Waste Plan
 - f. Project update
 - i. SEPSA met yesterday on how to do outreach to munis, SDs and other organizations
 1. Need consultant to understand effect of adding new organizations
 2. Survey to be send out soon to facilitate outreach.
9. Sustainability Commission Round Table/Member Sharing - Jaclyn Rhoads (4:55 - 5:15 PM)
10. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Becca Yurkovich(5:15 - 5:20 PM)
 - a. Discussion of 2025 Meeting Schedule and Structure
 - b. Subcommittee Updates
 - i. Climate Resilience
 - ii. Energy
 - iii. Education and outreach
 - iv. Becca will share cmettes with wider audience.
11. New Business – Commission Chair to ask group for new business (5:20 PM - 5:25 PM)
 - a. Add Grants as standing item for future meetings?
12. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Commission Chair (5:25 - 5:30 PM)

Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat)

13. Adjourn (5:35 PM)
 - a. No quorum