

Village of Friendship Heights
Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment

APPROVED Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 7 pm

Committee Members in attendance:

Patricia Canessa (Chair)
Sonya Starnes
Tom Brody
Chris Knauer
Emmanuel D'Silva
Joyce Mushaben

Others: Martha Solt, Village Council Liaison

There were no community members.

The committee meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patricia Canessa at 7:05 pm.

1. Sonya Starnes volunteered to be temporary recording secretary to record minutes of this meeting.
2. Ms. Knauer moved and Ms. Starnes seconded approving the minutes of the September 3rd meeting. The committee voted to approve the minutes.
3. The committee welcomed a new member, Tom Brody. Each committee member, including Mr. Brody, introduced him or herself and described their interests regarding the committee.
4. Ms. Mushaben said that she was interested in having a more systematic way of determining projects that the committee should take on. Mr. D'Silva agreed. There was some discussion regarding trying to work with the Montgomery County Climate Action Plan. Ms. Starnes said that she had hoped that pursuing the Sustainable Maryland Certification would give the committee a systematic way of considering projects and that even though the committee had discovered that the Village did not qualify for this program, it still may be useful to look at the certification requirements as a committee to have an overview of the various ways in which the committee could fulfill its mission. Ms. Solt said that she would inquire regarding getting a projector for the next meeting so that committee members could look at the Sustainable Maryland website together.
5. Ms. Solt indicated that she had the opportunity to apply for a \$4000 grant to use for electric vehicle charging. After a brief discussion, Ms. Mushaben moved and Ms. Knauer seconded, that Ms. Solt find what is necessary for the proposal since the committee supported installation of EV charging spots at the Village Center. The committee approved the motion unanimously.
6. Ms. Canessa let committee members know that the emergency preparedness talk would take place Monday, October 28th, at 7 pm, at the Carleton. Committee members are invited to attend.
7. Mr. D'Silva indicated that he would be traveling to Singapore and would be gone for three months.
8. Ms. Mushaben said that she would like the electronic recycling truck that Ms. Solt arranged for the Village Center to be a regular event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Sonya Starnes
October 14, 2024