

Friendship Heights Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Environment

Meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025

Present: Christine Knauer, Thomas Brody, Sonya Starnes, and Patricia Canessa,
Chairman

Absent: Marthe Solt, FHV Council

Excused: Emmanuel DSilva

Minutes of the May meeting to be approved upon revision.

The following issues were discussed:

1. The committee agrees that we ask Friendship Heights residents and other interested parties to provide feedback to the committee either by attending meetings or communicating with committee members.
2. The committee will look into the possibility of posting on the FH Village network web site minutes of meetings and other relevant information, including achievements of the committee over the last two years, and documents relating to environmental issues and emergency preparedness. Specifically, we discussed what actions should be taken by community members with regard to weather emergencies, water purity problems, bird migration, and vermin.
3. It was pointed out that the job of the committee is to make recommendations to the Village of Friendship Heights and that the committee can neither pass on nor approve actions of the Village. Martha Solt is Chair of the Village Council. The Council sets policies and the council-appointed city manager administers them. The committee is to ask Martha Solt to recommend possible new committee members for subsequent Council appointment.
4. Other committees of the Village include the Environment & Energy Committee, the Public Safety Committee and the Development Committee. We discussed reaching out to the Development Committee to discuss the fate of the GEICO property.
5. The Chevy Chase Village is part of both the Little Falls Watershed (on the west side of the Village) and the Rock Creek Watershed (for properties on the east side of the Village); both are tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay. The committee discussed reaching out to the Stormwater Committee of Chevy Chase Village to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.