

Friendship Heights Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change
April 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Attending

Chris Knauer and Andra Miller - Co-Chairs

Thomas Brody, Evan Brown, Emmanuel D'Silva, Sonya Starnes (notetaker), John Hisle

Others

Martha Solt, Village Council Chair

Loretta McClure

Approval of Minutes of March 3rd, 2026 committee meeting

Chris Knauer made a motion to approve the minutes. All voted to approve (7-0).

Community Day Follow-up - The committee discussed plans for Community Day, including displays regarding native plants, bird migration, composting and winter salting and kids activities.

Ms. Knauer shared information she gained from an Izaak Walton workshop regarding safe salting contracts for buildings. Building manager emails were gathered in order to send information regarding safe salting contracts in the fall.

Ms. Starnes shared that she had shared information with the general manager at 4620 regarding calibrating the salt spreader at the beginning of the season. He said he thought this would be useful to be able to just set the machine to a certain parameter for salting. The next salting seemed to be more in compliance with recommended practices (salt granules spread 1-3 inches apart).

Ms. Knauer shared information from the meeting at the Village Center in which County Executive Marc Elrich discussed Friendship Heights Development.

John Hisle discussed the Carleton's experience of decreasing energy use through changing lighting to LED through the Empower MD fund.

Village Center recycling??

Ms. Solt said that the electric charging station needed approval from Pepco.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for May 5, 2026.