Friendship Heights Ad Hoc Committee on Climate and Environment
September 1, 2026 Minutes

Committee Members Attending: John Hisle, Andra Miller (Co-Chair), Emmanuel DeSilva, Sonya Starnes (notetaker), Chris Knauer (Co-Chair), Tom Brody

Community Members: Lois Forster, Loretta McClure, Mayor Roy Schaefer

7:05 pm Co-Chair Chris Knauer called the meeting to order.

The committee approved the August 4 minutes unanimously.

John Hisle shared that former Chair Martha Solt stepped down from her position due to medical reasons.

Chris Knauer shared the testimony she gave at the September 10th Friendship Heights Sector Plan hearings held by the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Andra Miller said that she would look at the Sector Plan to see what position might be taken by the committee regarding the sector plan.

John Hisle made arrangements for the committee to meet with someone regarding the plug in solar devices that can be placed in apartment balconies.

There was some discussion regarding September being National Emergency Preparedness month. Sonya Starnes said that the county had people who would go to events such as the Fall Festival and share information regarding emergency preparedness. Chris offered to contact Ann O'Neil and inquire as to whether the county reps could have a table at the Village Fall Festival September 26.

Chris shared the 2026-2027 winter safe salt updates.

Sonya said that she would resend the application that was made for the Village New Initiatives Project last year for consideration this year. The deadline is October 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.