



**Meeting
Minutes**

April 20, 2023

6:00 PM

McCourt Building
Cedar Run Conference Room
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22191

Present: JET Appointees –Chinaka Barbour, Jennifer Boeder, Karen Carney, Connor Hernandez, Adele Jackson, Dr. Earnie Porta, Thomas Smith, Paige Thacker, Matthew Villareale, Jessica Weimer

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Joint Environmental Taskforce Clerk

Absent: JET Appointee Kenny Boddye, Hamza Lateef, Julius Williams

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Quorum Present

Public Comment Time: None

Consent Agenda: Approved March 23, 2023 meeting minutes and edit to adoption of bylaws resolution [VOTING RECORD: Motion M Villareale; Second C Hernandez; Ayes- by acclamation; Nays- None]

Old Business

- Dr. E Porta discussed procedure for addressing new issues. An issue raised by the public will go through the threshold analysis developed by the JET to determine if it is within the taskforce’s mandate and resources to address.
- Departmental reports from the county government and county schools will be provided at every meeting.
- Dr. E Porta reviewed the list of focus areas that were developed by taskforce appointees.

Departmental Reports

- J Weimer provided update for PWCS. Freedom High School earned their designation of a

Green Ribbon School. PWCS are working with solid waste on America Recycles Day, partnering with members of the community to host or be a part of events in expo or exhibit form, partnering with USDA Compost and NOAA Marine grant, and participating in the Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan (CESMP) stakeholder workshops. Other major projects include environmental literacy plan, sustainability education, annual Energy Challenge and LED conversion upgrades in schools.

- G Manno provided update on the CESMP and stakeholder engagement. Final stakeholder workshop will be held on April 26. A virtual Townhall will be held on May 17 to receive feedback from the public on what should be prioritized in the CESMP. G Manno will be providing a presentation of the CESMP at the next meeting.

New Business:

- A list of future items to address was developed by the taskforce. A final list will be provided to Dr. E Porta by JET clerk to be shared with the taskforce.

Taskforce Time:

- T Smith provided input that the community has concerns about light pollution and that a committee is being formed by residents and data center owners to try to look at ordinances within commercial and industrial areas.
- K Carney added land use preservation being a concern and inquired what are the current regulations are for acquiring and preserving land.
- C Barbour will provide an update to the Sustainability Commission on what was discussed in JET meeting. Suggestions from the Sustainability Commission for additional areas of focus will be shared at the next JET meeting.
- G Manno informed that there is currently a FY24 budget item for consideration for an expanded reforestation program.
- J Weimer provided input on the compost project 6 goals were chosen are based on the proximity to the balls ford complex.
- Dr. E Porta requested a presentation on the compost school project and CESMP.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29pm