



## **Meeting Minutes**

**April 18, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

Building 51, Room 203  
Independent Hill Complex  
14800 Joplin Rd  
Manassas, VA 20108

**Present:** JET Appointees –Chinaka Barbour, Jennifer Boeder, Karen Carney, Dr. Earnie Porta, Paige Thacker, Jessica Weimer, Julius Williams, Lisa Zargarpur

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Joint Environmental Taskforce Clerk, Michelle Smyk – Climate and Energy Manager

**Absent:** Kenny Boddy, Matthew Villareale

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum Present

**Public Comment Time:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Approved February 15, 2024 meeting minutes [VOTING RECORD: Motion K Carney; Second J Boeder -by acclamation; Nays- None]

### **Old Business:**

- G Manno provided an update on meeting with Public Works staff discussing how to potentially expand composting opportunities for schools. The next step is to explore the possibility of having a landing pad at the Prince William landfill, and potentially one at the Lorton landfill.
- Introduction of Michelle Smyk, the new Climate and Energy Program Manager for the Prince William Office of Sustainability.

### **New Business:**

- Kevin Milsted, Prince William County Energy Manager, provided a presentation on results of a Solar Feasibility Study for 10 county buildings.

- Jennifer Rokasky, Prince William County Schools Energy Education Coordinator, provided a presentation on Solar PPA projects with schools.

### **Member Time:**

- C Barbour informed that Chair Jefferson will be attending the April Sustainability Meeting. She shared that the Planning Commission has reached out to the Sustainability Commission to discuss environmental impacts of projects.
- J Boeder shared that a rain/pollinator garden will be installed outside of the Development Services Building as an Environmental Council project.
- K Carney informed Battlefield High School students are planting 40 native trees for Earth Day.
- J Weimer informed that many of the school's sustainability goals are well on their way to reaching their target. Two schools have been nominated Green School Designation, and the results will be announced on Earth Day.
- J Williams informed schools are almost done with the first draft of their indoor air quality plan.

### **Departmental Reports:**

- G Manno introduced the new Climate and Energy Manager, Michelle Smyk. The Office of Sustainability will also be hiring an Environmental Analyst in FY25 to manage data reporting and help to analyze the environmental impact of activities in the county. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the planning office will be bringing forth a resolution to initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to integrate the CESMP into the Comprehensive Plan.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 PM**