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Sustainability Committee

Minutes

April 4, 2022, 6pm

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

In attendance:

Committee Members: David Berliner (DB), Natasha Browne (NB), Will Cotton (WC), James Baker (JB), Phil LeBlanc (PL)

Alderman: Ben MacShane

Guests:

Staff: Jenny Willoughby (JW), Sustainability Manager

1. March minutes approved.
2. Compost Pilot and Sustainability Report—JW reports the Compost Pilot contract will go to Mayor and Board of Aldermen for approval Thursday, April 7.
3. Clean Energy Discussion—DB indicates this is a continuation of last month's discussion to determine what the Committee can do to push solar forward through the Co-Op to leverage bulk purchasing or subscribe to community solar project.

DB went through the highlights of solar in the community and next steps:

- a. Establish targets and goals to get more solar in the community through a multi-pronged push to lend credibility to the Solar United Neighbors program and community solar.
- b. Pass resolution on Earth Day to gain more visibility.
- c. Establish a landing webpage to share information related to solar, linking to the Co-Op and other links.

NB asked about the potential for a solar readiness policy for new buildings. JW indicated that it was possible and likely to be explored when the City/County begins the Community Climate Action Planning process in summer.

PL indicated that he would like to see some requirements for existing development because it would have the greatest impact.

DB asked if there was an interest from the Committee to put forward policy proposals. The LMC and standard details are the documents used to require developers build to specific standards.

JB and DB will look at a resolution for the solar and JW will look into Community Solar with Solar United Neighbors.

4. EV-Readiness Policy—The County Council voted to approve the policy and Amendment 2 for new residential developments. This includes only the raceway and dedicated spot in the electrical panel for the service.

JW reports that the City has had internal discussions with staff to determine what might be needed from planning, permits, engineering, etc., as well as discussions with several electricians, and the Frederick County Builders Association. Staff are requesting a formal letter of recommendation from the Sustainability Committee to submit with the package for a Mayor and Board of Aldermen workshop.

WC said he'd like to see single-family, townhouse, and multifamily residential homes. PL indicated that he wasn't sure how many EVs in public spaces and said that there appear to be lots of spots in commercial areas already. PL said that commercial will likely take care of itself, but that we could make more headway with residential EV stations, particularly in multi-family home complexes. NB also thought charging stations should be focused on in new builds for residential of all kinds.

BM indicated that the Committee should ask for a lot and what the Committee really thinks the City should do, even if it is a big ask. BM also indicated that new developments of all kinds would be a much easier ask than installations in existing developments. BM also asked the Committee to weigh in on when it should be implemented.

NB asked if we could go for all new development. JW indicated that the Committee should also include recommendations for percentage of regular parking spaces and ADA parking spaces. JW asked the group to draft the letter in the next couple weeks so she could bring it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for a workshop.

5. Discuss Solar Co-Op—discussed in item 3.
6. 2022 Calendar—The Committee will meet in person in May, August, and November 2022. The remainder of the meetings will be virtual. July and September meeting dates fall on holidays so they will be adjusted as follows:

July-no meeting

September 12

7. Other administrative Items and Future Meeting Topics
 - a. Next meeting **Monday, May 2 IN PERSON AT THE ANNEX**
8. Public Comment—no comment