



# sustainable **FREDERICK**

## Sustainability Committee

Minutes

May 2, 2022, 6pm

Municipal Office Annex, Conference Room C

140 W Patrick St,

Frederick, MD 21701

### **In attendance:**

Committee Members: Katey Grogan (KG), David Berliner (DB), Natasha Browne (NB), Phil LeBlanc (PL)

Alderman:

Guests:

Staff: Jenny Willoughby (JW), Sustainability Manager

1. April minutes approved.
2. Mayor's Proposed Green Bank—DB noted that the Bank was one of the CEMWG ideas and that the Montgomery County Green Bank has been moderately successful for commercial buildings for energy efficiency projects

DB asked what is the problem that we want to solve and suggested a letter/email to the Mayor to ask what the problem is and how the Committee can help.

3. Solar & Home Energy Discussion Follow-up—The Capital Area Solar Co-Op reports that only 51 new members have signed up out of the goal of 200 for the Co-Op for the season. The group discussed how to get the public to understand the why. There also is a lack of understanding

about the program from the group, making it difficult to share the information and encourage citizens to participate. We need an actionable thing for citizens to do.

The group put forth a potential list of 3 things people can do: energy audit, plant a tree and get a compost bin, look for renewables. Would be helpful to have a set goal—how many rooftops with solar, how many efficiency upgrades, etc. It is likely the community action plan will help set those targets, along with the list of most impactful items that residents can do.

Use the goals from the CEMWG resolution to provide some context for an updated webpage highlighting three actions that people can take. This will hopefully get people excited about the upcoming Community Climate Action Planning Process.

4. Other Admin Items—Next meeting virtual June 6, 2022
5. Public comment—no public comment