



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2:00 - 4:00 PM

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question

Commission Members	Public
Francine Locke	Becca Yurkovich
Carol Martsof	Elaine Schaefer
Jaclyn Rhoades	Gina Burritt
Jennie Saxe	Daniel Nemiroff
Scott Sidlow	Anne Tyska
David Director	Ron Aquilino
Steve Clark	
Krystal Gauld	
Julie Prey	
Ed Orner	
Laura Goodrich Cairns	
Jim Warner	
Marc Manfre	
Ed Magargee	
Shawn Stancill	

Interactive Question: Rank the most effective climate change solutions from Most Effective to Least Effective? – driving an EV / eating a plant-heavy diet / harnessing wind energy on land / composting your waste

2. Instructions for Public Comment – Comments can be submitted via email (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us), via chat, or by being called on.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February – February minutes are approved with a change to the spelling of Jaclyn Rhoades name.
4. SEPTA Presentation
 - a. Background on Bus Revolution – redesign of SEPTA’s fixed-route bus network to catch up with changes since 1960s
 - b. Reason for changes is that ridership has decreased and this effort is to improve resident usage
 - c. Project Schedule update was presented – showing steps from the start in 2021 and carries through 2024 implementation
 - d. Reviewed design goals for the updated network
 - e. Reviewed the introduction of Microtransit and the upcoming community outreach
5. SEPTA Sustainability Initiatives and Other Projects
 - a. Program and Initiatives – (3) Goals: 1) Develop a proactive organization, 2) Provide an intuitive experience, 3) Deliver a seamless transit network
 - b. Program Background – Budget neutral, Existing assets (project focus on efficiency and condition improvement of current system), Multiple benefits (project adherence to the triple bottom line)
 - c. Sustainability goals include reducing carbon footprint, improve energy efficiency, reducing water consumption and stormwater runoff

- i. Strategies include conversion of fleet to electric, CHP, hydrogen vehicles, rooftop solar, solar PPA, and battery storage

Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat) – no public comments

6. Chief Sustainability Officer Update
 - a. The Executive Director, Howard Lazarus, is retiring in March 2023 and the position will be filled by Marc Wooley until a permanent director is named (by Jan 2024)
 - b. After 42 years of service, Ed Magargee is retiring at the end of this year. Thank you, Ed, for all your service!
 - c. Zero Waste Pilot Update – overview of goals, status and next steps
 - d. Earth Day Events and More – the calendar of events through May was reviewed
 - e. 2nd Annual Sustainability Conference – 6/8/23 at Widener University
 - f. Departmental Updates:
 - i. Vision Zero Plan is about to start
 - ii. Route 291 Road Diet Study has started
 - iii. County’s new park master plan for Don Guanella survey is live
 - iv. Orange Street parking lot in Media will have EV charging and as much green space as practical
 - v. Park updates are underway at three sites
 - vi. CIP Steering Committee is restarting to work on the 2024 – 2029 plan
 - vii. EV Charging Station Plan seeking a \$300k grant to more charging stations
7. Sustainability Plan Update
 - a. Overview of the final subcommittees by the numbers – overall there were high levels of participants and efforts which produced goals, priorities, targets and actions
 - b. Updated schedule dates were shared, specifically over the next four months
 - c. The upcoming community engagement events and schedules have been shared
 - d. Zero Waste Plan update – Life cycle cost plan is being reviewed and different scenarios are being run and how they will adjust the recommendations
8. Review Action Items from Last Meeting
 - a. No action items open to review
9. New Business
 - a. Meet the Members – an effort to highlight everyone making this organization possible
 - b. Earth Day Activities – requesting members and public to share activities that can be promoted by the Commission
 - c. September In-Person Meeting at Glen Providence Park – with the opportunity to include a guided hike before the regular business meeting
 - d. Keep Delco Beautiful in association with statewide initiative
 - i. Subcommittee/Community Advisory Committee
10. Set Action Items for Next Meeting
 - a. All members should try to sign up for community engagement events
 - b. Let Becca know about additional Earth Day events
 - c. Commission “Meet the Members”
 - d. Bylaw review for Make Delco Beautiful subcommittee
 - e. Members should review goals, actions, and targets

Public Comment – SEPTA question about where they will source hydrogen. Commission will reach out to SEPTA for a response.

11. Adjourned – meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.