



## Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 15, 2023

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff	
<b>PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)</b>		X	Becca Yurkovich
X	Steve Clark	X	Sue DePompeo
X	David Director	X	Ron Aquilino
	Krystl Gauld	X	Anne Stauffer
	Cephus Hales-Richardson	X	Christine Reuther
X	Carol Martsof		
X	Julie Prey		
X	Jaclyn Rhoads		
	Shawn Stancill		
X	Grace Venit		
X	Joi Washington		
<b>GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)</b>			
X	Gina Burritt		
	Laura Goodrich-Cairns		
X	Francine Locke		
X	Ed Magargee		
	Marc Manfre		
	Ed Orner		
	Brooks Stayer		

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Carol Martsof - what are some affordable ways to be more sustainable?
2. Instructions for Public Comment - Carol Martsof (2:10 - 2:12 PM)
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October and November - Carol Martsof (2:12 PM - 2:15 PM)
  - a. October
    - i. Motion by: David Director
    - ii. Seconded by: Ed Magargee
    - iii. Outcome: passed unanimously
  - b. November
    - i. Motion by: Ed
    - ii. Seconded by: David
    - iii. Outcome: passed unanimously
4. October 2024 Meeting Date (2:15 PM - 2:17 PM) - Friday October 18th or Friday October 25th

- a. Motion by: David Director moved for the October meeting to be changed to Friday October 18th at 2:00 PM
  - b. Seconded by: Jaclyn Rhoads
  - c. Outcome: passed unanimously
5. 2023 Annual Report - State of Sustainability - Francine Locke/Becca Yurkovich (2:17 PM - 2:45 PM)
- a. Francine began the presentation by talking about
    - i. the office/mission
    - ii. 2023 highlights
      - 1. publishing of “sustain delco”
  - b. Becca took over to talk about “sustain delco” plan
    - i. community engagement presentations, tabling events, conference
    - ii. 2023 implementation
  - c. Becca talked about 2024 goals
    - i. reporting form
    - ii. website/dashboard
    - iii. awareness/collaboration “road show” engaging all 49 municipalities
    - iv. implementing priority projects
      - 1. hosting 5 keep delco beautiful events
      - 2. gathering data
      - 3. building community trust
  - d. Francine talking about more 2023 highlights
    - i. campaign sign recycling event
    - ii. keep delco beautiful action
    - iii. community e-waste and hazardous waste events
    - iv. conference
  - e. Francine discussing 2024 look-ahead

*Public Comment ([SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us) and from Zoom chat) – no public comment*

6. 2024 Conference Planning - Becca Yurkovich (2:45 PM - 3:05 PM)
- a. Becca shared updates
    - i. \$5,000 grant from PA DEP
      - 1. involvement of environmental justice community and high school students
    - ii. venue options
      - 1. cheyney university
      - 2. the drexelbrook
      - 3. widener university
    - iii. timing
      - 1. last week of May
    - iv. fundraising
  - b. looking for feedback
    - i. shortening the day
    - ii. breakout sessions – larger pool of speakers
      - 1. speakers/session topics
        - a. David Director - talking about new department at Penn
        - b. Carol Martsof - Ron Finley ted talk
        - c. Ed Magargee - update/state of sustainability plan
        - d. Julie Prey - Rodale Institute, PASA
  - c. Sustainability awards
7. Commission Reflection and Discussion - Carol Martsof and Jaclyn Rhoads (3:05 - 3:35 PM)

- a. Successes of 2023
    - i. sustainability plan
    - ii. campaign sign recycling event
  - b. Priorities for 2024
    - i. reporting on progress on what was in the plan for 2024
    - ii. outreach to municipalities - training program “train the trainer” - trying to reach more people
    - iii. engage PA DEP on plan for implementing the IRA - Justin Dula (regional DEP administrator) - \$3 million in Federal grants to fund the creation of a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)
    - iv. Working groups!
      1. farmers/local food
      2. policy/legislative
    - v. hospitality industry - task force - resource guide for bringing composting/recycling/food insecurity for food to be donated - health department will be brought in
  - c. Meeting Structure and Provision of Feedback in 2024
    - i. Meeting speakers
      1. Justin Dula
    - ii. Discussion re: meeting structure, speakers
  - d. Discussion of Personal Sustainability Goals for 2024
8. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Carol Martsof (3:35 - 3:45 PM)
- a. Introduction of Proposed By-Law Amendment
    - i. Adding sustainability and resilience manager to the sustainability commission
    - ii. Alternate/designee for the government members
  - b. Will be voted on in January meeting
9. New Business – Carol Martsof to ask group for new business (3:45 PM - 3:50 PM)
- a. No new business was suggested
10. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Carol Martsof (3:50 - 3:55 PM)
- a. Becca will be summarizing everything and sending it out in an email
  - b. If anyone has not yet submitted meet the members to be featured - fill that out
  - c. Becca will update re: venue for conference
  - d. Two working groups - local foods/farmers, policy & legislation - if anyone is interested
  - e. Carol send ted talk link
  - f. Becca send list of conference speakers
  - g. Review bylaw amendment ahead of formalized vote in January

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11. Adjourn (4:00 PM) - didn't have quorum so no motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 3:41 PM.