

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday, February 8, 2024: 7pm-9pm

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7:00	1. Convene, Welcome 2. Agenda Review; Approval of prior meeting summaries	<i>Chair Will McClain</i>
7:10	3. Community Forum	<i>Guests</i>
7:15	4. Rockville Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Initiatives Tyree Davis IV, the assistant to the City Manager for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will join the Commission to discuss the City's first steps toward creating an anti-racism anti-bias culture. Staff Liaison Amanda Campbell will discuss her experience in the Government Alliance on Race and Equity. Members will be invited to share ways that the Commission's work furthers JEDI and which environmental aspects the City should consider in the JEDI work.	<i>Staff, Chair McClain, All</i>
7:45	5. Chair Report - Environment Commission Budget - Volunteer for Earth Day Proclamation - Awards discussion in March - Other	<i>Chair McClain</i>
7:55	6. Mayor and Council Report	<i>Council Liaison Van Grack</i>
8:00	7. Brief Break	
8:05	8. Committee Reports - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee - Watersheds Committee	<i>Clark Reed Summer White Ted Stauderman</i>
8:15	9. Maryland Legislation	<i>Staff, Chair McClain, All</i>
8:35	10. Sustainable Maryland Re-Certification Commission members will be invited to volunteer to write brief summaries of new projects for Sustainable Maryland recertification. https://sustainablemaryland.com/	<i>Staff, Chair McClain, All</i>
8:45	11. Staff Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepco is slated to complete the installation of new public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the right-of-way (ROW) at three locations. The Level-2 chargers will serve on-street parking spaces in Falls Grove, by City Hall, and Twinbrook Quarter. Once service connections are made and parking spaces are painted (temperatures have been too low for painting), these public chargers will be integrated into Pepco's Public Charging Network and will be managed and maintained by Pepco. • City-Owned Street Light Conversions to LED (M-02). The contractor replaced 379 of the 2000 Phase 1 streetlights. • Outreach and Restoration Grant Program (C-17): As part of the new competitive watershed grant partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, two applications were selected to receive a total of \$36,154 in grant funds. The Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the National Wildlife Federation will receive funding to implement projects aimed to engage faith-based communities 	<i>Staff</i>

located in the City of Rockville in reducing stormwater pollution and promoting sustainable practices on private property.

- Staff is participating in a work group with COG to develop a regional strategy for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Act and coordinating with Montgomery County and Maryland to ensure several potentially fundable projects are included in competitive applications with partners. The grant applications are due April 1, 2024.
- Community Budget Priorities Survey <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget>

Events

- February 10 – Floodplain Maps Outreach Public Meeting
- February 7 – Illumination Station at Rockville Memorial Library 10:30am - 2:30pm
- February 7 – Ask and EV Owner
- February 13 – Rockville Climate Solutions Speaker Series: Climate Change and Tree Care Talk. Registration: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=11524&month=2&year=2024&day=13&calType=0>
- February 15 and 27 Tax Credit Webinar for the Inflation Reduction Act
- February 17-19 – Maryland Energy Star Tax-Free Weekend https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/comp/Shop_Maryland_Energy/Shop_Maryland_Energy_FAQs.pdf
- March 18 – Tentative – Earth Day and Earth Hour Proclamation at Mayor and Council
- April – Solar Switch Launches
- April 15-16 – Montgomery County Energy Summit
- April 29 – Tentative – Climate Action Plan Annual Report at Mayor and Council

8:50	12. New Business	<i>All</i>
9:00	13. Next meeting date and Adjourn	<i>Chair McClain</i>

General information

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