

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday, October 7, 2021

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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7:00	1. Convene, Welcome, Introductions	<i>Chair Clark Reed</i>
	2. Agenda Review; Approval of prior meeting summary	<i>Reed</i>
7:05	3. Community Forum	<i>Guests</i>
7:10	4. Chair Report	<i>Chair Reed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Maryland – MML ceremony - Electric Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative – coming soon - Other Updates 	
7:20	5. Mayor and Council Report	<i>Hon. Ashton</i>
7:30	6. Climate Action Plan	<i>Amanda Campbell, Erica Shingara, All</i>
	Commissioners discuss the Climate Action Plan which will be presented at the November 15 th Mayor and Council briefing. A public comment period will follow the Mayor and Council meeting.	
8:00	7. Environment Commission – Annual Report Preparation	<i>All</i>
	Commissioners discuss upcoming tasks and priorities for the coming year to highlight at the December 6 th Mayor and Council REC report.	
8:15	8. Rockville Pike Plan Update	<i>All</i>
	Staff will share the latest on the ongoing planning process to follow up on this item of interest.	
8:25	9. Committee Reports	<i>Clark Reed Pavitra Srinivasan Ted Stauderman</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee - Watersheds Committee 	
8:40	10. Staff Report	
	Project Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Tune-up for City Hall: Staff is working with the contractor to implement the proposed measures to optimize energy use. - City Hall energy efficient lighting update: Staff submitted the 2nd floor project plan to MEA and work will begin as soon as a budget amendment is approved. Staff is applying for grants to do the 3rd floor lighting upgrades in the next round in FY23. - City staff is looking to schedule a site visit as soon as practical with the Maryland Environmental Service engineers as part of the solar/microgrid technical assistance award. The main data and document request has been transmitted; 	

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follow-up questions are expected in October.

- **Seven Pepco EV chargers** were approved. Three more are being evaluated.
- **The FY 2023 Budget** Calendar and a budget public hearing is scheduled for October 25, 2021. Other public hearing dates are to be determined.
- Post-event analysis and near-term mitigation activities in response to **Hurricane Ida flooding** continues. The Climate Action Plan contains several items related to hazard mitigation and preparedness. A new [flood resources webpage](#) is activated and includes a form to apply for **flood damage compensation**.
- Stormwater staff is working to develop an app to **evaluate invasive species coverage** in natural areas as a proxy indicator for forest health.
- Montgomery County Green Bank is launching a low-moderate income solar financing program beginning in January.

Outreach Campaigns and Events

- Tree Giveaway, Saturday, October 16 – Registration is FULL.
- October is Energy Awareness Month. Bring up to three incandescent lightbulbs and receive LEDs at the [Rockville Memorial Library Lightbulb Exchange](#) Tuesday, October 26th, 1-3pm. Other events posted on the Montgomery County calendar: <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/events/list/>

The Mayor and Council

- November 15: Rockville Climate Action Plan briefing
- December 6: Rockville Environment Commission Annual Report

8:50	11. New Business	<i>Chair Reed, All</i>
9:00	12. Next meeting date and Adjourn	<i>Chair Reed</i>

General information

The next Commission meeting will be November 4. The public is invited to attend (virtually). Link will be available on meeting agenda. For meeting materials: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter/Environment-Commission-8>