

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment

COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCY
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Department of Energy & Environment
1200 First St. NE, Washington DC
Conference Room 709

- I. Call to Order
- II. Updates from Government
 - a. Office of the City Administrator, Kevin Bush
 - b. Department of Energy and the Environment, Melissa Deas
- III. Review of Council Hearing
- IV. 2019 Workplan
 - a. Retreat Review
 - b. Subcommittees
 - c. Timeline
- V. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes (Draft)

The District of Columbia Climate and Resilience Commission Quarterly Meeting

Date/Time: March 13, 2019 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Department of Energy & Environment
1200 First St. NE, Washington DC Room 709

Attendees (**denotes members of the Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency*):

Harrison Newton (OCA)	Maureen Holman*
Melissa Deas (DOEE)	Melissa Lavinson*
Kate Zyla*	Jason Turner*
Kevin Clinton*	Peggy Keller*
Jim Dougherty*	Tom Renkes (Georgetown student)
Uwe Brandes*	Nick Peavy (Georgetown student)
Sandra Knight*	Shubhada Ajay Varde (Georgetown Student)
Kate Johnson (DOEE)	
Alan Etter*	Karla Farrell (Georgetown Student)

I. Call to Order 4:13 pm

II. Government Updates

- **From Office of Administrator:** Resilience Strategy should be complete in April. Meeting with Mayor 3/14/19 to discuss plan content. Slight delay in hiring process, but new staff should be in place by May 10.
- **From DOEE:**
 - DOEE is part of a new cluster reporting to Deputy Mayor for Infrastructure and Operations, former head of DMV, now overseeing DDOT, DOEE, DCRAM, DMV, and others, operations and service delivery.
 - Overview on Climate Ready DC, Implementation Contract Deliverables, including:
 - Resilient Design Guidelines
 - Funding & Financing Matrix
 - Internal implementation strategies
 - Public Implementation Plan
 - Identify key performance indicators, methodology for prioritization. Priorities summarized on handout page 2 and 3. The consultant [CADMUS](#) is working on it. Plan includes resilient design guidelines for large development design projects. Looking to do an interagency workshop in April.
 - Uwe suggested the Commission on CCR might guide the public engagement process. Consider whether the public participation should be a broader engagement, or a more targeted action. It has been documented that engagement increases when specific issues are identified.

III. Review of Council Hearing

- Councilmember Cheh is particularly interested in the Climate Change and Resiliency work, and supports the work. The Commission should be proud of how much was accomplished in 2018 including work on Climate Ready DC and the Resilience Strategy. There are specific deliverables the Commission still needs complete, so 2019 should be a busy year. This will be easier to accomplish with staff.
- Commission members in attendance at the hearing are appreciative of Kevin's testimony (available elsewhere). If interested in viewing the video of the hearing, it can be found here: <https://dccouncil.us/event/performance-oversight-hearing-committee-on-transportation-the-environment/>
- Kevin to work with Commissioners to identify funding required for staff, and relay the need to Council.
- Reminder that the Commission has a fund available, but would need to find funding to go in that account.
- DOEE budget hearing is April 1st and anyone is welcome to attend.

IV. 2019 Workplan

- Retreat review (Uwe Brandes)
Identification of the five themes that might serve as thematic organization of subcommittees. The themes are not there to replace the mandate, just helpful ways to deliver the legislative mandates. The five themes as outlined at the workshop are as follows (*pulled from workshop summary*):
 - **Best Practices Committee**
 - *Mission: Identify precedent standards, practices and models.*
 - *Best practices in other commissions and cities,*
 - *Disaster preparedness, FEMA frameworks, prevailing national standards*
 - *100RC findings of international best practices.*
 - *Literature Review*
 - **Knowledge and Risk Framework Committee**
 - *Mission: Identify baseline knowledge frameworks and associated risk assumptions.*
 - *DC Plans and baseline resident knowledge – what is it? How do we know?*
 - *How should the District harness climate science?*
 - *Existing Data Availability and Knowledge Gaps*
 - *Future climate scenarios: How to make assumptions for policy making?*
 - *Established areas of focus: infrastructure, buildings, population, systems*
 - **Future Governance**
 - *Mission: What long-term governance structures are needed?*

- *Compelling future good behavior across multi-sector actors*
- *Investment flows, where it is coming from and where it is going? Is there enough to get the job done?*
- *Regulatory risk and long-term evolution of regulations and codes (update cycles)*
- *Long-term risks associated with incremental investment creep*
- *Public, private, special purpose entities, utilities, non-profit sector – what are the most ideal inter-relationships?*

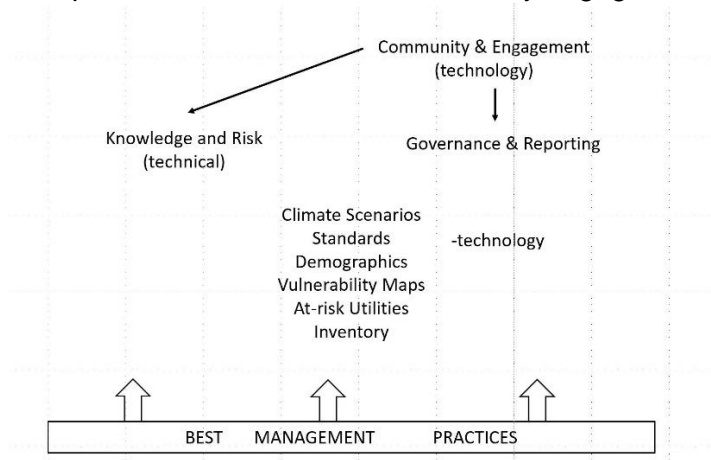
- **Agency Accountability**
 - *Mission: Standard agency practices to ensure accountability and long-term outcomes.*
 - *Goal making and alignment with comprehensive plan*
 - *Budget and forecasting process: metrics and review process*
 - *Procurement: metrics and review process*
 - *Performance review: metrics and review process*
 - *Interagency accountability and reporting requirements (dashboard?)*
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- **Outreach and Engagement**
 - *Mission: Finding ways to raise awareness and build support.*
 - *Enhancing public and general knowledge*
 - *Summits, awards programs, communication mechanisms, social media*
 - *Intentional innovation practices over time*
 - *Iteration, responsiveness and evolution*
 - *Measuring impact*

- Discussion:
 - Concerns about the proposed framework:
 - Should community outreach be its own committee or a facet of all the other committees?
 - Is community outreach core to what the Commission is designed to do given all of the other mandates?
 - What is the difference between governance, best practices, and accountability?
 - a. Governance is meant to be higher level
 - b. Best practices could include how other cities and states are using their commission and general best practices.
 - Is agency accountability the best framing? Should it be spun more positively to focus on overcoming challenges, or
 - Is there budget and time to do everything outlined in five buckets
 - a. Agreement to consolidate to 2-3 committees.
 - Reminder that EJ spots on commission are not filled and that voice is missing from the conversation.

- How big picture should the commission's feedback be? Concern with institutional barriers to resilience planning vs. smaller but questions like policies of leaving the lights on all night?
 - a. Sometimes policies such as leaving the lights on are actually more complicated and may be done for public safety.
- If each of the five themes is a subcommittee, the committees cut across the Commission's deliverables in a complex way.
- Is the timing reasonable? Can the commission deliver a report by the end of the fiscal year? Students will be engaged for the rest of the semester, which ends in May. Resources may be available in the summer.
- Where is the discussion about bringing new technology into the process? For example, less carbon intensive concrete faces regulatory or government-related barriers.
 - a. This might fit under best practices or engagement.
- Potential contributions of the Commission
 - This group could offer clarity and guidance around climate scenarios to ensure that the various projects and/or planning by agencies and stakeholders are aligned.
 - Jim D. is interested in being part of a group that invites other agencies including transportation, public works, housing, to discuss what they are doing on climate
 - a. This might be an opportunity to engage with the partner agencies essential to Climate Ready DC.
 - b. Can explore the barriers agencies face in making progress if there is a will or be an opportunity for the commission to provide direction.
 - c. Suggestions that the conversations be framed in terms of questions like "what do you need to move things forward?" "How are you tracking success"
 - d. Can also report on the good progress groups are making and provide for a long-range view of how the District is changing to incorporate climate.
 - e. Suggestion to start with big-level policy before becoming more granular. For example, could start the dialogue with the Chief Financial Officer and talk about the larger economic shifts in the resilience strategy.
 - Assistance with how to start mainstreaming climate into a wider range of District policies
 - Should the Commission just focus on agencies or a broader range of stakeholders including the private sector, federal agencies and NGOs that government has less opportunity to work with?
 - a. Perhaps this could include Pepco, Washington Gas, Aoba, Army Corp, NPS, WMATA, DC Water etc.
 - Best practices sounds like a research project that could be done by students, while accountability is more performance focused.

- Proposed modifications
 - Keep a knowledge and risk information committee
 - Keep an accountability committee but change name to be more positive – Jim D. interested in serving .
- Next steps
 - Set up a conference call for meetings between quarterly in-person meetings (Jim D. to send a doodle poll)
 - Develop a charter for each subcommittee that will move forward
 - Develop an outline for the report
- **Future Subcommittees**
 - Knowledge & Risk (technical questions) and Governance & Reporting (accountability) are the proposed two subcommittees, fed by research on best practices and intentional community engagement.



- Knowledge & Risk to address climate scenarios, demographic info, maps, vulnerable communities, etc. They can get a landscape view of all the information that already exists.
 - Governance & Reporting to assess agency and non-governmental actions. May review existing key performance indicators from government.
 - May also keep an engagement & communications committee
- a. Timeline: Reasonable to have the report completed by mid-September 2019. There is no defined detail as to what needs to be included in the report. The report could be a PowerPoint presentation or a story map/Living report, which may be more accessible and sharable. Georgetown Students to provide best practices research prior to May 15, 2019.

Uwe to circulate a proposed structure, so that the committees can start doing their work. Legislative requirements should be embedded in the document. It's important to inform as to the relationship with the legislation.

V. Adjournment