

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency

AGENDA

18 September 2019

4:00 – 6:00 pm

- Call to Order, Welcome - Kevin Clinton
- Updates
- Status of Commission Report
 - Discussion of how to finalize the report
- Next Steps
- Adjournment

In Person:

DOEE: 1200 First Street, NE, Room 790

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Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Climate and Resilience Commission Quarterly Meeting

Date/Time: September 18, 2019 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Department of Energy & Environment
1200 First St. NE, Washington DC Room 790

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

- JoAnna Saunders (DOEE)
- Maribeth DeLorenzo (DOEE)
- Sandra Knight*
- Molly Rauch*
- Alan Etter*
- Steven Stickter
- Kate Zyla*
- Peggy Keller*
- Maureen Holman*
- Anthony Kane*
- Stephen Moore*
- Melissa Lavinson*
- Uwe Brandes*
- Jim Dougherty

Notes:

- Review of Report – generally the report is viewed as on track, but some concerns were raised, including:
 - Worried that some elements of the report could be perceived as a budget ask; should be maximizing existing resources we have, and that if we don't take this seriously there will be greater costs down the line --> framing it as an investment to avoid costs later
 - The report should recommend that DC use resilience as a lens to inform capital budgets and investments
 - Vulnerability assessments have been done, recommendation is that they should be updated, but there is no requirement of how they should be used or who should use them. Requiring critical infrastructure companies to use similar assessments and modeling (avoid race to the bottom for types of assessments)
 - DC has a critical responsibility to develop resilience, NOT the Commission – the recommendation is for the good of the city, the point is for the city to take responsibility to enact the recommendations of the Commission
 - it's important to assert the Commission's leadership role in the resilience space;
 - the Commission is not responsible for accountability and oversight, need to make sure the report is not suggesting the Commission takes on this role
 - Resilient DC mentioned the Commission, suggested the Commission could
 - Suggestions to section 5 at the beginning and THEN into committees – reference the matrix if people want to dig in
 - Include after the "Commission work to date"
 - Matrix of recommendation formatted as an appendix
 - 1-pager of recommendations with just a short paragraph of introduction

- Modeled after National Academy reports
- Note on executive summary/role of Commission:
 - What is the role of the city and the role of the commission? Commission has no governance authority or ownership. Commission does not have the capacity to assert accountability and oversight. This is not something that the city has today, but we have to be forward looking. Other capacities are envisioned in the enabling legislation, including the ability to manage additional funding.
 - Allowing capacity to be built over time. Tied to recommendations so should this be narrower? “If it isn’t the commission, who is it?” No other commission has an explicit charge to consider climate change. Is the Council itself considering this fully?
 - Strong urging to city leaders to embrace roles to advance resiliency; 2) Commission can play a critical role to ensure that city leaders are meeting these expectations

Action Items

- write 5th recommendation around standardization of vulnerability assessments for critical infrastructure
- write an additional paragraph about the leadership of the Commission for the Executive Summary

