



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency

Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023
3:00 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Recording:

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<u>DC-CCCR Members</u> Uwe Brandes Jim Dougherty Alan Etter Maureen Holman Anthony Kane Peggy Keller Sandra Knight Jim Landau Steve Moore Jason Turner Edward Yim Colin McCormick	<u>DOEE Staff</u> Brittany Whited (Designated Staff Executive) Connor Rattey Jenn Hatch Jennifer Johnston Alyssa Wooden <u>Invited Speakers</u> Madeline Hairfield (DDOT) Melissa Deas (HSEMA) <u>Other Guests</u> Ben Curran Danielle Gurkin Riley Piva Vermecia Alsop Kenya Troutman J Lawler Max Broad Sam Brooks Molly B
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1. Call to Order

2. Announcement of Quorum – Quorum confirmed.

3. **Approval of Agenda** – A motion to approve the 3/9/2023 meeting agenda (Jim Dougherty, Edward Yim) was passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – A motion to approve the 12/8/2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes (Jim Dougherty and Edward Yim) was passed unanimously with a note to edit the title.
5. **Chair’s Welcoming Remarks** (Uwe Brandes)
 - DC-CCCR Council Oversight Hearing with Councilmember Allen went well; testimony and notes have been circulated to the Commission.
 - Two major items discussed during hearing: Uwe Brandes confirmed with the Councilmember that the commission could benefit from additional staff and a possible formation of a youth climate council. DC-CCCR was asked to explore further and let the council know what resources would be needed.
 - There are currently two Commission vacancies - Emergency Preparedness (this is Sandra Knight’s last meeting) and Public Health.
6. **Finance Report** – None
7. **Governance Report** – None
8. **Committee Reports** – None
9. **Staff Report** (Brittany Whited)
 - Administrative: Two Commission vacancies: Public Health (council nominee) and Emergency Preparedness (mayoral nominee). DOEE is hiring for a FT position to staff the Commission; and that position is posted. Brittany Whited filling the role in the interim. Learn more at careers.dc.gov by searching for Job ID 21130. Closes March 16.
 - DOEE updates: DOEE’s Clean Energy DC update process began in January; and a grant was awarded to National Housing Trust Communities \$75,000 for equitable building electrification engagement.
 - Buildings: DCBIA requested in testimony to council that they waive the penalties for the first year of BEPS compliance; Construction Codes Coordinating Board electrification proposal may be up for a re-vote soon.
 - Public Service Commission: Washington Gas filed for approval of Project Pipes 3 plan. DOEE strongly opposed Pipes 1 and 2 and filed petition to intervene on Pipes 3 on 3/8/2023. Comment period open until April 24th.
 - Danielle Gurkin (Chairman Thompson’s new Principal Legislative Advisor): Announced attendance and is interested in listening and taking notes back to the chairman.
10. **Guest Presentations:**
 - moveDC: Madeline Hairfield, Long-Range Transportation Planner, moveDC (DDOT)

- moveDC is DDOT's long range transportation plan that sets the 25-year vision for the transportation system in Washington, DC. It is used to guide and prioritize investment and development. moveDC was recently updated in December 2021. It will be updated again in 2026. The first moveDC annual report expected to be public in a couple of weeks.
- DDOT goal: 75% non-auto commuter trips by residents by 2032. Focusing on expanding and strengthening transit, freight, and bike network.
- Note: While District transportation fleet electrification will help the District meet its emissions reduction goals from transportation, land use and mode shifting will also need to be addressed.
- All proposed DDOT projects seeking funding are measured against moveDC's 7 goals and included in the District Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP-multi year listing of federally funded projects)
- moveDC supports two key items related to climate change:
 - (1) moveDC and Modernizing assets: Strategy 18 – expand street canopy coverage; 97% of all currently available right of way space has a tree planted on it. Strategy 24 – improve the resiliency of transportation infrastructure. Strategy 33 - updating fleet/circulators to be electric and supporting electric vehicle use. 2022 successes: 21% of circulator fleet electrified; 23% of DDOT fleet electrified. Strategy 34 – support electric vehicle use with more charging facilities. Note: interest from Commission in ensuring that charging facilities are distributed equitably throughout the District.
 - (2) moveDC and the Multimodal Network: Install more protected bike lanes, build more trails in the capital trails network, add more bikeshare stations, increase access to shared mobility, and create more dedicated bus lanes: 93.24 miles of protected bikeways in DC; committed to building 5 miles of protected bike ways each year; last year 74% of District resident reported commuting by a means other than a car; 1,000 e-bikes, 3,000 Capitol Bikeshare bikes, and 6,000 scooters available in the District.
- FEMA funding and scoping projects: Melissa Deas, Chief Resilience Officer (HSEMA)
 - Structure of HSEMA's Resilience Bureau includes the Resilient DC Strategy, Hazard Mitigation, Critical Infrastructure, Disability, Access, and Functional Needs Program
 - Melissa reviewed ongoing projects and the state of FEMA funding in the District.
 - Significant increase in hazard mitigation funding over the past 3 years
 - It takes time to implement: HSEMA has a year to develop an application; FEMA considers for 6 months, awards take time to issue, then 3 year period to get the work done

- This year HSEMA received another \$20M in funding. Projects currently underway with DC Water, DOEE, DPR, DGS/DMPED
- HSEMA's role in projects is grant management & managing interagency collaboration
- 2022-2023 Outlook: Hazard Mitigation funding is a lot more flexible; but less easy to access because there are few disasters in the District. Have applied for some Covid-related funding: flood proofing, flood sensors, River Smart program
- Melissa also provided an update on Resilience Hubs, including the District's approach and process.
 - Goal is to have a network of resiliency hubs across the city, starting with priority communities.
 - Jim: what is the timeline for getting resiliency hubs? Melissa: no specific timeline; HSEMA was letting funding drive the project but is now focusing on what they can do absent funding
- Was able to pull in BRIC funding for DPR hubs; that funding is more easily given to agencies. DPR is looking at recreation centers and assessing whether they can be resiliency hubs.

11. Public Comments

- Ben Curran: (formerly with FEMA) is working with the emergency preparedness task force. In April, the SW Library and the community group, SW Strong! are collaborating on a short film festival: "There is No Planet B: a Climate Crisis Film Festival." Showing a film each Tuesday of the month with post-film discussion.
- Danielle Gurkin: Looking forward to finding more ways to engage with the Commission.

12. Discussion & Upcoming Meetings

- June 8th meeting: Focus on buildings, BEPs, and more.

13. Adjourn: 5:02PM