



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2022

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Wilson Building, G-9/Media Room

(with virtual option)

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Announcement of Quorum** – Quorum present
- 3) **Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes** - A motion to approve the September 9, 2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes & October 20, 2022 Special Session (Jim Dougherty, Justin Lini) was passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Electronic Vote on the Second Report** – Acknowledge and Incorporated
- 5) **Chair’s Welcoming Remarks**
 - a) Commission vacancies filled
 - i) Welcome Jim Landau and Edward Yim
 - b) Commission’s second legislatively mandated report was transmitted on November 17
- 6) Finance Report - None
- 7) Governance Report - None
- 8) Committee Reports - None
- 9) **Designated Staff Executive’s Report**
 - a) Climate Commission Report was transmitted to the Mayor, Council Chair, Council staff, and stakeholders
 - b) Recently Introduced Legislation:
 - i) Metro for DC Amendment Act of 2022
 - ii) Healthy Housing and Residential Electrification Amendment Act of 2022
 - iii) Comprehensive Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Access, Readiness, and Sustainability Amendment Act of 2022
 - c) Other updates
 - i) Updated CED CEJST
 - ii) Open for Comment: Draft DC Racial Equity Action Plan
 - iii) CCCB – Electrification Proposal and Sign-On Letter

- (1) DC-CCCR to review and consider signing on

10) Guest Presentations: Global Climate Summits

a) Hilari Varnadore, Vice President for Cities

U.S. Green Building Council

i) USGBC Takeaways from COP27

- (1) Powerful pavilions on various topics and jurisdictional initiatives
- (2) First climate justice pavilion
- (3) Cost of fuel due to the Ukrainian war has led European nations to “double-down” on efforts to transition away from natural gas, not shy away from renewables

b) Kate Johnson, Head of U.S. Federal Affairs

C40 Cities

i) C40 Conference of Mayors Takeaways

- (1) Push for *good* green jobs in climate action
- (2) Youth are powerful voices that will hold governments accountable
- (3) Mayors are the final actors in long lines of policy and funding; and are responsible for implementation of climate action
- (4) Energy and poverty crisis, largely caused by the Ukrainian War, is not slowing cities’ transition off fossil gas

11) Discussion with Director Tommy Wells

DC Department of Energy & Environment

i) The District’s strengths on climate

- (1) First in the nation to establish a Building Energy Performance Standard
 - (a) Including affordable housing with tools such as the Retrofit Accelerator
- (2) Improving water quality in Anacostia River

ii) Three main observations for the District’s continued progress on climate action

- (1) Need to commit to transition off fossil gas
 - (a) The District should not be investing in new or rebuilt gas infrastructure
- (2) Land use and zoning are powerful tools
 - (a) The District should work toward walkable neighborhoods (everyday needs within a 10- or 15-minute walk)
- (3) Renewable energy should be deployed in coordinated sub-Districts or neighborhoods
 - (a) Individual properties can be expensive to convert to clean energy. Scale is important in the transition

12) Public Comments

a) Joe K (DCHD) – PSC’s interpretation of submetering rule for residential properties is a barrier to deploying large solar energy on affordable housing campuses

b) Ben Curran –

- i) Southwest Strong (aka Southwest Preparedness Assembly) is planning for the year
- ii) Working with DC Youth Mayor on climate issues
- iii) Working with DOEE on a grant to improve flood resilience

13) Discussion

- a) With the publication of the report, the Climate Commission has an opportunity to evaluate its activities for the year ahead.
- b) Areas for increased engagement include:
 - i) Ensuring flow of federal resources work toward climate goals
 - ii) Hazard Mitigation plan
 - iii) Assessing opportunities in land use for stormwater (flood) mitigation and renewable energy deployment
 - iv) More frequent engagement in regulatory decisions (PSC, CCCB)
 - v) Advancing green jobs
 - vi) Youth Climate Commissions
 - vii) Empowering ANC's with educational materials and support resources

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