

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday, March 3, 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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| 7:00 | 1. Convene, Welcome, Introductions 2. Agenda Review ; Approval of prior meeting summary | Chair Clark Reed |
| 7:05 | 3. Community Forum | Guests |
| 7:10 | Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Outreach - potential opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o March 7: Mayor and Council - read Earth Month proclamation o March 19: Go Electric Event at MCCC o May 28: Hometown Holidays Festival at RedGate - EV Co-op - Solar Co-op - REC purchase needs (\$1,000) for spring programs - Chair elections in May - Other Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Thursday, March 10: "How to Maintain a Healthy, Organic Lawn." 7-8 p.m., Virtual. o Saturday, March 27: Earth Hour, 8:30-9:30 p.m. o Sunday, April 24: Science Day, noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville campus o Thursday, April 7: "Sustainable Home Landscaping 101", 7-8 p.m. Virtual. o Saturday, May 7: 20th Annual Spring Festival and Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-noon at Croydon Creek Nature Center. o Thursday, May 12: "Building and Living in Montgomery County's First Certified Net Zero Energy Home." 7-8 p.m. Virtual. o Montgomery County Energy Summit - April 5-6, 2022 o Spring Potomac River Watershed Stream Clean-up - April 9, 10 am - Noon at Maryvale | Chair Reed |
| 7:30 | 4. Mayor and Council Report | Hon. Monique Ashton |
| 7:40 | 5. City of Rockville Proposed FY 2023 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members discuss environmental items in the proposed FY23 Budget for the Public Hearings (March 7, March 21 (FY23 Budget + ARPA work session), April 4) | All |
| 8:00 | 6. Environmental Excellence Awards Discuss nominations up for consideration for 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards. | All |

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| 8:20 | 7. Maryland Legislation Update An update on environmental legislation before the Maryland General Assembly. | All |
| 8:30 | 8. Committee Reports - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee - Watersheds Committee | Clark Reed Pavitra Srinivasan Ted Stauderman |
| 8:45 | 9. Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Action Plan : Staff presented briefings to several COG committees and the Montgomery County Climate Leadership team. A presentation is scheduled at the COG Climate Policy Committee on March 23. Several new CAP initiatives are included in the proposed FY 2023 budget and staff is developing an action status tracking sheet (similar to the Comprehensive Plan). A Climate Solutions Speaker Series is planned for this Spring. - The Future of RedGate Park : City staff is revising the concept plans following Mayor and Council discussion and instruction on February 7. - 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 : Work will begin shortly on the 2nd floor upgrades. Staff expects to hear about the grant application to Maryland Smart Energy Communities for 3rd floor lighting upgrades, window film and thermostat in the spring. - The Maryland 6 Taft Court and Maintenance Facility solar/microgrid feasibility assessment is expected in the next few months. - Staff will meet with Pepco to reassess electric vehicle charging station options in March. - The FY 2023 Budget is in development. The Annual Budget Survey link is found here: https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget-Financials. - The flood resiliency presentation is rescheduled for the Marth 28th Mayor and Council meeting. The City is applying for grants to help support flood resilience and is preparing for the release of new FEMA floodplain maps. A flood resources webpage includes a form to apply for flood damage assistance. - The February 28th Mayor and Council meeting included a presentation by Montgomery County regarding their plans for properties located along Seven Locks Road (including a proposed bus depot) and the Tree Zoning Text Amendment. | |
| 8:55 | 10. New Business | Chair Reed, All |
| 9:00 | 11. Next meeting date and Adjourn | Chair Reed |

General information

The next Commission meeting will be April 7. 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>

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