



**DPS Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 20, 2023, 4:30p.m.  
(Virtual on Microsoft Teams)**

**Attendees:**

Dean Packard Chair (Land)  
Neil Blanc Vice Chair (Environment)  
Rexie Fernando (Civic)  
Elizabeth Kellar (Western)  
Len Newman (East County)  
Arquilla Ridgell (MidCounty)  
Sean Soboloski (Environment)  
Sharon Wilder (Civic)  
Debra Wylie (Silver Spring)  
Karem Carpio (WSSC)

Nasser Kamazani (DEP)  
Rogers Stanley (DHCA)  
Emily Tettelbaum (Planning)  
Rebecca Torma (DOT)

**DPS**

Sonya Burke  
Lori Lee-Savage  
Rabbiah Sabbakhan  
Linda Kobylski

**Meeting called to order at 4:31pm**

- Welcome from Committee Chair Dean Packard
- Approved minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Motion was made by Neil Blanc, seconded by Rexie Fernando, unanimously approved by members.

**Old Business**

- Dean Packard reminded members to complete their training, for those who have not.
- Sean Soboloski provided an update on discussion with Bryan Bomer on the timeline and adoption of next County Green Code legislation.
  - Bryan shared with him new building institute report (from 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor) showing a road map of recommendations for County and how to best adopt subsequent cycles of green code legislation in support of County's climate action plan.
  - Subcommittee scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. where report will be disseminated and discussed.
- Still waiting for State issue final adoption of 2020 IgCC.
- Rabbiah Sabbakhan mentioned the importance of awareness of adoption cycle of many types of codes, and justifying the changes being made, also getting stakeholders input and having a voice in the final decisions.

- Sean asked Rabbiah if there are any other code adoptions that should be brought to the attention of this advisory board to address.
  - Rabbiah stated he will be bringing them to the attention of the advisory committee as they arise.
- Elizabeth Kellar commented on the business communities request to also be included and provide input on final decisions being made.

### **New Business**

- Introduction of new committee member Sharon Wilder.
- Neil Blanc, discussion on streamlining plan review process.
  - Concept checklist sent to customers.
- Ken Jones
  - Discussion on right-of-way coordination of permits.
  - Discussion on stormwater management parameters.
- Arquilla Ridgell
  - Constituents in Kensington area with stormwater runoff issues.
- Linda Koblyski
  - Considering a list serv to promote new updates from DPS for civil engineers.
- Rabbiah Sabbakhan
  - Emphasis on getting information out to developers.
  - Stakeholders' forum plans.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Linda Koblyski
  - Upcoming Land Development education seminar on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Sonya Burke
  - Energy Summit held on March 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>
  - DPS will be offering free deck inspections during Building Safety Month.
- Neil Blanc
  - Feel comfortable bringing ideas to the meeting.

Confirmation of next meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 5:38pm by Neil.