

Climate Emergency Management Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2020
5:00 PM

Welcome – Quorum Established

I. Guest Speaker – David Berliner, Director, Clean Energy Finance at Vancity, a Canadian-based credit union. The title of this presentation is “What gets financed gets built—how we can use the tools of finance to achieve our climate mitigation and adaptation goals.”

II. Reports from Subgroups –

- Ag, Forestry, and Land Management - Paul Walker shared that the group has split into smaller groups investigating food waste, agricultural practices, forestry, and management of other lands (non-ag, non-forested).
- Energy, Building and Transportation discussion led by Ron Kaltenbaugh. No news to report since the group has not met since the last CEMWG meeting. Their next meeting will follow tonight to discuss working on finance options for clean energy and transportation projects.
- Public Awareness & Outreach discussion led by Sonia Demiray. Discussion included the groups interviews and surveys on mobilizefrederick.org and through social media. The group has also disseminated press releases to promote public awareness of CEMWG’s work.
- Health, Extreme Weather, and Resilience - Rob Magnien shared that the group is focused on identifying as many impacts of climate change experienced now or anticipated in the future as possible, and considering a methodology to prioritize the impacts they research and address in the final report.

IV. The next CEMWG meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Ken Oldham, Executive Director of United Way of Frederick County will present on the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) in Frederick County to provide context for the group’s equity considerations. Emily Frias, Maryland Grassroots Coordinator, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, will discuss equity considerations in climate policy.

V. Public comment was not taken.

VI. Adjourned at 6:42 PM.