



**Jefferson County Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021 • 4:00 p.m.**

Convened: 4:00pm

Attendees:

Commissioner Members: Kevin Morse (KM), Conor Merrigan (CM), Jeff Wong (JW), Kimberly Pardue Welch (KPW), Cedar Blazek (CB), Jasmina Petrovic (JPe) and Matt Mines (MM)

Absent: Frank Rukavania (FR), Julia Patrick (JP)

County Staff: Marika Sitz (MS), Jabez Meulemans (JM), Commissioner Andy Kerr (AK), Deborah Churchill (DC), James Rada (JR) and Steven Snyder (SS)

Public Comment n/a

Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2021

CB made motion to approve. KPW second motion. All in favor.

Welcome

AK welcomed special guests Representative Lisa Cutter and Council Member Trout.

Annual Sexual Harassment Training

DC asked those who have not completed training if they have done so. KM has. MM and CM have not. DC will bring back to next meeting.

County Updates

AK let the members know he has let commissioners know and they are aware of fund raising efforts and timeline.

JM let the group know the internal 2020 Sustainability Report is available and posted on www.jeffco.us/sustainability. Will also be included in the next issue of Engage Jeffco newsletter.

MS gave overview of her new position and goals of diversity, equity and inclusion at the county level. She is available as resource if needed. DC will share MS contact information with commission members.

School of Mines (SofM) DOE Connected Communities Grant

CB let commission know her office is funding this project so recused herself from conversation.

Guest Paulo Cesar Tabares Velasco, School of Mines, gave overview of project. DC will send presentation and one-page handout to commission members.

Partners in Energy: Residential Renewable Energy

CB working with PIE team to assemble collateral to spread word on renewable energy. Asked group for ideas on how to share this information. CB will work with DC to push out via various Jeffco channels. JW suggested working with Human Services department to reach underserved, low-income citizens.

Partners in Energy: Residential HOA Outreach

KPW received Energy 101 Tips and will place in packet to HOAs. KPW will work with JW to get swag and packets together and will then reach out to HOAs.

Partners in Energy: Library Partnership

In JP's absence, JW gave update – received 200 conservation kits in partnership with Library. Story to go kits focused on sustainability.

Partners in Energy: Commercial

KM shared information regarding C-PACE opportunity and opportunities to get involved. Group will leverage Xcel energy audits and C-PACE opportunities in the state. JW suggested to get back in touch with EDC to help push information and see which businesses would be a good fit for C-PACE program.

Website Resources Section

MM gave overview and intent of new section - - resource for both residential and commercial. KPW will call DC to get additional information included on page.

Sustainability Awards / Awards

JW gave overview of last year's inaugural awards. Would like to have the awards in April this year. Nominations were all internal nominations but have the opportunity to extend outreach this year. MM will help JW with project. JW advised group April 22 is Earth Day in 2021.

Sustainability Commission Fund Update

JW let group know a presentation to BCC occurred since last meeting. Presentation included donation of \$5000 from Coors and to-date \$25,500 has been raised. KM, JW and AK met with Terumo this week. Positive call, but no hard commitment.

SS gave overview of CFF form needed to identify points of contacts regarding Fund web content and pages. Will distribute guiding document to members prior to next meeting.

Sub-Committee Update

KM gave update on fund sub-committee progress. Completing the Fund website. Waiting on Fund graphics from DC. DC advised Fund notification will be on social pages and Engage Jeffco, leveraging Jeffco social pages. KM starting outreach to his corporate donors' contacts/connections. Commission members will send contact information to KM. JP created a list of potential sponsors on google drive.

DC needs to update Dropbox, invite new members and start using again.

Climate Action Plan: General Update

JW has a contact within existing organization at County that has already reached vulnerable communities. JW would like to see those County contacts to be part of the development process for Climate Action Plan. JW asked members if they know of any other government jurisdictions who have already included equity in their Plan.

JW reminded group to send bio and photo to DC by deadline.

Adjourned: 5:30pm