



Meeting Minutes

**December 07,
2023**

6:30 PM

Kelly Leadership Center
Room 1101 B
14715 Bristow Rd
Manassas, VA 20112

Present: JET Appointees –Chinaka Barbour, Kenny Boddye, Jennifer Boeder, Adele Jackson, Dr. Earnie Porta, Thomas Smith, Paige Thacker, Matthew Villareale, Jessica Weimer, Julius Williams

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Joint Environmental Taskforce Clerk

Absent: JET Appointee Karen Carney

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Quorum Present

Public Comment Time: None

Consent Agenda: Approved October 19, 2023 meeting minutes [VOTING RECORD: Motion K Boddye; Second J Williams; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]

Old Business:

- Dr. E Porta reviewed the draft JET Annual Report to the Board that outlines what the JET has established as areas of focus through review of sustainability priorities for schools and the county's CESMP.
- Discussion of edits and recommendations to the draft were made by the JET members. A final report will be constructed and sent to members.
- Schedule for 2024 was discussed. The JET will continue to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Member Time:

- A Jackson shared the new school having solar panels and excited to seeing them get installed in other schools.

- P Thacker sent out composting information to members of the JET regarding conversations with the Public Works with the City of Manassas.
- J Weimer shared there are solar panels currently being installed on two schools and expect installation on three additional schools in the future. Inquired about the two new school representatives for JET.
- J Boeder informed that the Environmental Council is reorganizing how it reports to the Department of Environmental Quality. Property insurance met with her regarding installing solar panels on county buildings.
- The Board approved the reorganization of the county government to include the new Office of Preservation Management. The Board adopted the CESMP. A next step for the county will be incorporating the CESMP into the Comprehensive Plan through a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Departmental Reports:

- G Manno shared the adoption of the CESMP and is in the process of hiring Climate and Energy Program Manager.
- J Weimer shared the third graders took a trip to the Hylton Performing Art Center where students attended a concert where performers rapped about environmental sustainability. County schools have been focusing on getting solar panels on additional schools and looking into additional ways to have other energy conservation measures.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM