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Rockland County Environmental Management Council (EMC)

Working Group Meetings
Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, February 15th, 2023
Time: 5:30pm-7pm
Location: Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources
Conference Room 617, 6th floor

Communications Working Group Minutes

Members present: Darwin Keung, Catherine Mazzocchi

Members Excused: Chana Friedenber

Additional EMC Members Present: Glenn Sungela

Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

Members of the Public: Jacquelyn Dreschler, Z Halo, Gabi Dwyer, Beth Lamoureux

1. Communications Working Group meeting was **called to order at 5:34 pm.**
2. Roll call was conducted, a quorum was present.
3. Introductions of the public, the EMC and our new Executive Director - Brianna Rosamilia
4. Updates on EMC membership recruitment
 - a. Described the purpose and structure of the EMC to prospective members.
 - b. Expression of interest in joining the board from the members of the public present.
 - c. Discussion on the composition of the board and township representation requirements and requirements for holding a seat on the board.
 - d. Discussion on upcoming vacancies on the EMC.
5. Updates to digital assets
 - a. Executive Director will continue to work with County Information Technology Services to update the EMC webpage.
 - b. Discussion of further updates to add Working Groups to the webpage.
 - c. Discussion on changes to board member list and the new format for the list on the EMC webpage

6. Discussion of the role of EMC for commenting and public advising on projects.
7. Green Spotlight program
 - a. Council would create content for social media pages i.e. Facebook and Instagram
 - i. Discussion of potential posts ex: Highlighting local libraries that have recently been certified as a Sustainable Library.
 - ii. Discussion of EMC postings messaging and other methods of communicating, ex: environmental literature to schools and classrooms.
 - iii. Discussion of procedural changes for approval of posting on social media. Currently, content requires a vote of approval by the full quorum of EMC.
 1. Recommendation that the comms working group can approve messages.
 - iv. Additional discussion of content to generate.
8. **6:16 pm motion to adjourn by Darwin Keung, second by Catherine Mazzocchi. Motion passes unanimously. Communications Working Group Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Darwin Keung, Corresponding Secretary

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Carbon Reduction Working Group Meeting Minutes

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Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

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1. Carbon Reduction Working Group meeting was **called to order at 6:17 pm.**
2. Roll call was conducted, a quorum was present.
3. Update on County transportation information in smartphone apps
 - a. County public transportation information can be found on the New York State 511 apps and can call for routes information
 - b. Discussion on challenges to add timetables onto navigation apps such as Google Maps.
 - i. Found that the County believes that New York State DOT would need to add the data from its 511 app, format and send that to app providers.
 - ii. Propose a meeting for clarification with County and ultimately with NYSDOT and County to work together to publish this data in a format that is useable for navigation services to publish publicly online
 - c. Discussion of the possible use of American Rescue Plan funding for making transit navigation more accessible and easier in Rockland County.
4. Update on County sustainability project status
 - a. Report is estimated to be public in the next few months

- b. Discussion of the issue of electrification and sustainability to reduce carbon footprint around the County
 - c. CRWG will continue discussing and researching what sustainability measures Rockland and towns are exploring
5. Discussion on residential waste and recycling - measures taken and cost-effectiveness
 6. **Motion to adjourn 6:52 pm by Darwin Keung, second by Glenn Sungela. Motion passes unanimously. Carbon Reduction Working Group Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Darwin Keung, Corresponding Secretary

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