

DRAFT AGENDA
College Park Committee for a Better Environment
Monday, September 21, 2020
7 pm
Location: Online meeting

- Amendments to and/or approval of this agenda
- Review and approve August minutes (attached)
- Report on City activities and CBE budget – Janet McCaslin.

Ongoing Business

- Encouraging landlords to rent furnished apartments/reducing bulk waste from student moveouts -- updates
- Rain barrel and eco-education event in October – please promote (see below)
- Climate Parents of Prince Georges – next steps (see below). They would like us to share their petition, and encourage Mayor and Council to send a letter to PG school board using the language of the petition.
- Green Awards – Nominations?
- Follow up on actions:
 - GAT traps – reporting on progress
 - Distribution of car magnets
 - GAP analysis. Any follow ups?
 - Survey update
 - Fall permaculture plantings and maintenance

- Tree and Landscape Board report.

New Business

- New activities we'd like to plan for in the coming year? We could look at suggestions we provided to the city re: sustainability and see if there are ones we can move forward on. (See attached GAP analysis we shared with the Mayor and Council).

Next Meeting: October 26, 2020

Rain barrel event – blurb to share:

Did you know that Prince George's County will reimburse residents for installing rain barrels? If you're interested in learning more, join the College Park Committee for a Better Environment for

a virtual workshop on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. The workshop will feature a representative from Prince George's County who will speak about the County's Rain Check Rebate program, the College Park Sustainability Coordinator who will speak about related City environmental programs, and others. The event is free and open to all. Click here to register for the event and the link to attend will be emailed to you: <https://rainbarrel.eventbrite.com>

From Climate Parents of Prince George's – Next Steps. Please consider signing and sharing their petition:

1. Sign the petition - <http://bit.ly/cppg-petition-def>
2. Share the petition with your friends and family
3. Share the petition on your social media
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClimateParentsPGMD/>
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ClimateParentPG>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/climateparentspgmd/>

Our goal is to get about 3,924 signatures and the sooner we get to that goal the sooner we can feel confident taking it to the School Board. Plus there is no way we can't get a good number of people to meet with Board Members and speak out if we get that many people behind us.

Here is the petition language:

Petition for Prince George's County Public Schools to Commit to 100% Clean Energy

We believe that transitioning to 100% clean energy is a key goal that will enable our community to help do our part to respond to the climate emergency, and will make improvements in our schools that will help improve indoor air quality in classrooms, reduce pollution from buses and create STEM learning opportunities for our students. We envision all of these improvements to be implemented in a way that expands equity throughout our school district.

We call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to commit to the goals of achieving:

- 100% Clean Energy in its electricity sector by 2030;
- 100% Clean Energy in all energy sectors, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), and cooking, by 2040;
- 100% Clean Transportation, by 2040;
- 100% Zero Food Waste by 2030; and

- 100% Zero Landfill Waste by 2040;

We also call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to create plans to adapt to the current climate realities so that its assets can be maintained in a fashion to allow for a safe learning environment for the students and staff.

Finally, we call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to initiate a Focus Workgroup that will develop a School Climate Change Action Plan that shall lay out how to achieve these goals equitably and while enhancing educational opportunities at all grade levels.