

Charleston County  
Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee (RSAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**ATTENDEES**

RSAC: Patrick Arnold, Stewart Weinberg, Jen Jones, Scott Curtis, Sally Brooks, Scott Runyon, Kyle James

County Staff: Walt Smalls, Kristen Wurster, Karen Green, Arielle Gerstein

Members of the public: Diamond Curry (Proxy), Charles Drayton

**CALL TO ORDER**

Arielle called the Charleston County RSAC meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT & INTRODUCTIONS**

Arielle announced to the committee members that correspondence related to the RSAC was subject to compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and stated the purpose of the RSAC. The meeting has also been advertised.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED**

- Karen's Resiliency briefing started at 10:11 a.m. One of the big issues of concern is flooding. In 2019 the Resilience Committee was created. The final draft was approved in March 2020. The All-Hazards Assessment should be completed in 12 months. Briefing ended and no questions for Karen.
- Arielle's Sustainability presentation started at 10:19. Greenhouse gas emissions was covered in 2018 & 2020. She is working with a consultant for Climate Action Plan. The consultant is not fully onboarded yet. There will be four volunteer groups including buildings, transportation, waste, and carbon sinks. The volunteer groups will start once the consultant is onboarded.
- Stewart made a comment that Columbia had a plan under the Five-Star program. The plan was looking at every facet of life. Ultimately, they did not have control and some of their goals were not attainable, and the City did not have the authority or money to finish it.
- Kyle asked if there were any lessons learned on Arielle's Perspective Report. Arielle said that everyone seemed interested but felt like they were not sure how to tackle sustainability issues or where to start. She also said the challenge will be getting people to think long-term and not just short-term financially to accomplish sustainability goals.

**RECOMMENDATIONS MADE**

Committee members discussed what day and time of the week to have future recurring meetings. It seems the consensus of everyone was Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will probably be

sometime in March. Special meetings can be created when needed. Voting will be done at the next meetings to choose a Chair and Vice-Chair.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' REMARKS**

- Review of the Committee Rules and Procedures. Patrick asked a question about replacing a committee member if a member is not able to serve their full term. Karen and Kristen agreed that Council would appoint a new committee member in that scenario.
- All committee members agreed on the rules and procedures as written.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

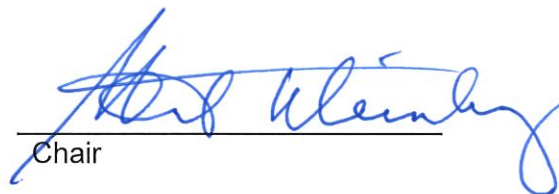
N/A as a chair was not elected this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Arielle adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Megan Steen

Ratified by the Charleston County  
Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



Chair

Attest:



Administrative Officer - Resilience



Administrative Officer - Sustainability