

# MEADVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Commercial Energy Efficiency Subcommittee

### Minutes

January 25, 2024

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
  - a. Mr. McUmber, Ms. Mogush, and Ms. Tompkins attended the meeting, which began at 5:30 pm.
2. Old Business
  - a. Discussion – 2023 Subcommittee Plan Implementation – Partnership Program/Event
    - i. It was agreed that the partnership event should be held separate from the upcoming EV program at Voodoo. Guy said March would be too early for him and it was agreed that an event should be planned for May at the Meadville Library. Guy asked Peggy and Jenny to let him know about their availability for that month and he will schedule with the library. As far as an agenda, Guy said he will provide a preliminary one soon, but it would basically consist of CAP and partnership overview and highlighting local cornerstone partners, like the city. Peggy said that the agenda should focus on why organizations should join, as in positive public relations. Jenny said that the agenda should include some type of engagement, perhaps attendees identifying present CAP related actions. Materials were also discussed, and it was agreed that the existing Facebook logo should be modified for the partnership program. Guy suggested at a minimum that a CAP summary, partner pledge and resource info should be included as handouts. Jenny suggested that a case study be added, such as an organization with model energy efficiency.
  - b. Discussion – Energy Efficiency Training – City Meeting Follow-Up
    - i. Guy said that a follow-up note had been sent regarding the city meeting and he will follow-up to that to help ensure that actions are implemented. Regarding the SEM program, following significant discussion, it was agreed that the subcommittee should provide the city with a menu of options for the recommended work scope, rather than simply targeting the largest carbon generators.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Discussion – Green Building Alliance Meeting Follow-up

- i. Guy said that following the meeting, the proposed one-pager on the Meadville 2030 District will be sent to the entire EAC for review. Following this, the proposal will be sent to city council. Guy added that the GBA's involvement will increase subcommittee capacity and help recruit local organizations for the program, for the 2030 program requires its own advisory committee. Jenny said that this could consist of major players like Allegheny and MMC.

#### b. Discussion – Proposed 2024 Subcommittee Plan – City Shared Energy Manager Program

- i. It was agreed that 2024 will be very active with the SEM, 2030 and partnership programs. Guy asked if the subcommittee should try to integrate an energy efficiency incentive program into the new rental inspection effort. After discussion, it was agreed that this should not be done, for the program is still developing and these types of incentives, such as Act 129, could be evaluated under the Weatherization program. Jenny is on this subcommittee and will consider this approach. Guy said the program is so expansive that it also could be an educational topic under the 2030 program. Guy also asked how equity could be maintained as a priority in our upcoming subcommittee efforts. Following discussion, it was agreed that the subcommittee will develop a list of targeted organizations related to equity issues, such as the Meadville Housing Authority and Landlords Association, for involvement in the partnership program. Jenny said that Fairview Fairmont would be a great model for this outreach.

4. Other - None

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.