Climate Change, Energy, and Environment Commission (C2E2)
Summary of October 27, 2025 Meeting

<u>Hybrid Meeting</u>

Members Present: Henry Perillo, Elizabeth Whitney, Katie Thompson, Alex Rough, Doug Snoeyenbos, Joe Trivette, Rob Sandoli, Lisa Marcellus, Cindy Lewin, Scott Brideau, Kevin Vincent

Members Virtual: Trevor Montano, Liliana Diaz

Members Absent: Melissa Benn, Helen Hass

Staff Present: Jenna Peabody (DES-AIRE), Allie Shepard (DES-AIRE), Jason Papacosma (DES-OSEM)

Staff Virtual: Rich Dooley (CPO), Jen Fiorretti (CPO)

Non-members Virtual: Shelby DuPont, David Friedman, John Bloom, Jamie Kern

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1. Introductions and Public Comment

- Public comment referenced prior concerns about the Low Residential Study and impervious surface caps; written comment from Mary Glass circulated earlier.

2. Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank

- Original agenda item was canceled because the speaker could not attend.
- Brief acknowledgment of intent to reschedule for future discussion.

3. AIRE Team Update

Presented by Jason Papacosma, Jenna Peabody and Allie Shepard

- **Organizational Transitions and Program Updates (Jason and Jenna):**
  - Jason officially appointed Bureau Chief in April; leadership changes and office relocation after flood.
  - Steve Burr promoted to AIRE Team Manager; Allie Shepard joined in March.

- ○ Jason answered C2E2 questions.
  - ○ **Green Building Incentive Policy (GBIP)**: Preparing for Planning Commission briefing; draft expected mid-November; focus on LEED v5.0 and possible Passive House pilot.
  - ○ **Residential Energy Program**: Developing scalable approach for education, energy coaching, and audits; survey feedback informed priorities (efficiency, electrification, renewables).
  - ○ **Community Solar PPAs**: Lubber Run operational; next wave includes Central Library and other county facilities.
  - ○ **Solar Co-op Relaunch**: in collaboration with Solar United Neighbors.
  - ○ **Benchmarking Compliance**: 45 buildings currently meet requirements; outreach ongoing.
  - ○ **C-PACE Program**: Ordinance updated; webinar held; outreach to developers and lenders continues.
  - ○ **Policy Engagement**: County submitted comments on Dominion VPP pilot; supports RGGI and regional clean energy advocacy.
  - ○ **Regional Collaboration**: Active in MWCOG, VAEEC, PJM Clean Energy Coalition.
- ● **E-Bike Voucher Program (Allie Shepard):**
  - ○ Funded by DOE EECBG grant (~$270K); 243 vouchers (178 standard at $600, 65 enhanced at $1650).
  - ○ Application drew 2,800 responses; random selection; redemption underway (75 bikes so far).
  - ○ Outreach included bilingual materials, tabling, and partnerships with EcoAction and 11 bike shops.
  - ○ Evaluation tools: OpenPath app for trip data, biweekly surveys, testimonials.
  - ○ Discussion included safety concerns, ordinance education, and long-term disposal/recycling of batteries.

4. UCMUC Project Letter: for Approval

- ● Project: Redevelopment of NAFCU building into self-storage facility in Clarendon.
- ● Scorecard result: 38% (limitations due to non-residential template).
- ● Developer plans: EV charging, rooftop solar consideration, bioretention area; not pursuing LEED/GBIP.
- ● Commission debated whether to comment on land use vs. environmental scope; consensus to focus on sustainability recommendations (EV infrastructure, CPACE financing, embodied carbon considerations).
- ● Motion passed to approve letter with discussed edits.

5. September Meeting Summary: for Approval

- Approved with minor changes.

6. Updates

- **GBIP**: Emphasis on LEED v5.0, Passive House pilot, adaptive reuse guidance; Planning Commission briefing imminent.
- **Energy Committee**: Focus on home electrification opportunities and contractor engagement.
- **Transportation**: National Capital Regional Transportation Plan seeking public comment; county to raise visibility.
- **SPRC**: New project assigned to Katie Thompson (Kevin Vincent as backup).
- **Adaptive Reuse**: Two active projects; commission considering approach for feedback given limited public info.
- **Other**: Eco Ambassador program to support education; discussion on collaborative feedback process (Google Docs vs. individual emails).