

**Wednesday, Aug 3, 6:15 pm start**

**Attendees:** Jim Wylie, Bryan Crenshaw, Kwan Morrow, Pat Beaudet, Dave Moscatello, Dennis Winters, Prasad Ramnath, Mat Himmelein, Karen Melton, Bill Brainerd, Charlie Isaacs

**Welcome Kwan Morrow** from Blue Bell. New Sierra Club member and interested volunteer. Looking forward to meeting you at our next in-person ExCom meeting.

July meeting minutes were approved

**Endorsements** – all of SPG recommendations were approved by the chapter. We are considering interviewing a few more. Fitzpatrick (newbie, Bucks Co) has requested an interview, but we have already endorsed his opponent (Santarsiero, who has a good env voting record). Political committee will discuss further if there is an appropriate path to endorsing both contenders in the same race. Others recommended by Jeff Schmidt for interview: Harper, Queen, Jerdimo (?).

Do we have volunteer resources that would like to contribute to campaign work of those that SC has endorsed?

**Action:** Jim & Bill to consider sending an email to SC members in certain districts soliciting volunteers.

**Action:** Jim to email Paula and Alexa to see what they are up for – they have already expressed interest.

**Outings** – Tom Torres has been making a push in the chapter to get more people trained for Outings Leadership. There are a few people in SPG that have started this training. We should strive to transition to a policy of requiring at least one OLT trained person in attendance for every SPG organized outing. Bryan Crenshaw is the SPG Outings Chair and will be the focal point for outings process. There is a new outings calendar on the SPG website.

**Action:** Jim to add Prasad as admin on the outings calendar – done.

**Action:** Jim to check with Tom Torres about using an SC Meetup account.

**Newsletter** – Fall Newsletter send/mail date is Oct 15. So should plan to go to printer on Oct 1. Deadline for content submission Sep 15.

Lots of questions tossed up during the meeting, not many answers. [do we have the funds to print newsletters this year? Can/should we skip the endorsements if chapter newsletter is going to cover them anyway? Do we really have to print – because of ExCom member voting? Whose terms are expiring? Do we need to pick a new printer?]

**Action:** Jim to send a Doodle poll to pick a date for a newsletter conf call (to be run by Pat)

**Action:** Bill to submit candidate statements for all endorsed candidates – will at least be in an e-newsletter and on web.

**Action:** Prasad to solicit ExCom candidate statements (see nominating cmte discussion below)

**Greenfest** (Sep 11) – Mat and Maria DiLullo are organizing the SC space at Greenfest. Looking for 5 to 10 volunteers to cover generic tabling (rep SPG), issue specific tabling (just talk about your issue), help with activity (TBD). In the works are plans for new banners and swag.

**Pipeline Hearing** (Aug 10 in West Chester U) – Jim and Bernie are working with Justin Wasser (Dirty Fuels), other SC volunteers and Nancy Harkins (volunteer) and Lynda Farrell from the Pipeline Safety Coalition to encourage people to attend the DEP public hearing on Aug 10 at WCU to testify about our concerns re: Mariner East 2 permit applications.

Update: the hearing was well attended, over 200. About 40 people testified, split about 20/20 between pro and con pipeline. The pro's were mostly union members and other business reps that will benefit from the construction project. And Marcus Hook Borough Manager who looks forward to a revitalized economy. The con's included several SC volunteers, CAC rep, Sister Nora Nash from St Francis, Richard Whiteford, Lynda Farrell, Eric Friedman – all concerned about the impact to streams during construction, the planet due to increased nat gas extraction and risk to our communities due to leaks and explosions. Sen Andy Dinniman spoke with anger about the way DEP has handled this permit process – not being transparent in the process, withholding info needed to do a fair analysis of the permit applications and rushing the public comment period.

**Philly Climate Works** (Charlie) – Charlie is now officially a Sierra Club staff member – living in Philadelphia. Yeah. Here's a somewhat official description of Charlie's job:

Philly Climate Works is a coalition representing unions and other labor organizations, community activist groups, environmental organizations, and community-based environmental justice advocates with the purpose of creating a platform for Philadelphia inspired by the Climate Works for All platform in NYC. The platform will lay out a set of steps for cutting Philadelphia's carbon emissions while creating living wage jobs and a just transition to a sustainable green economy. The coalition will work with unions and community groups and also push for elected officials to implement the platform. The goal is to minimize the devastating effects of climate change and protect residents from its impacts. PCW is committed to replacing fossil fuel jobs that may be lost with living wage jobs as well as fighting for transition assistance for those affected. Racial and economic justice are essential to the plan. PCW will promote solutions that will create good jobs, not advocate any steps that will directly eliminate jobs (though individual members may decide to support movements against plans such as the "energy hub" being proposed for the city).

**March for a Clean Energy Revolution** (July 24) – (Jim, Bryan, Karen, Charlie, Emily were at the march) – very well attended. Est 10,000. There was a Bernie march planned to head in a different route, but they ended up joining the MCER. IT WAS HOT. The many decorated parasols helped, as did the water stations (thanks, Emily). As far as I know there were no acts of disturbance and everyone stayed on the street (thanks to 40+ marshals – thanks SC intern Kara Shoch) each with radios (thanks Jim). The stage and PA system at the end of the march was powered by a solar generator (thanks Jim). And the march route and mall grounds were spotless at the end. (thanks Emily, Karen). And Bryan was documenting as always with his camera – not sure where he has posted. So a lot of SC volunteer effort went into the planning and infrastructure of this march, even though SC did not have a big visual presence. It as an important statement made at an important time.

**Open Space in Delco** (Bill) – even with urging from many organizations, including the Sierra Club (SPG), the Delaware County Council declined to propose a \$100 M bond that would address many projects, including Cardinal Crossing. This chapter is not over. Pressure will continue to be put on the county to catch up with neighboring counties in their open space management initiatives.

Update from John: County council did have a meeting with the church which still wants max \$\$\$. County also said they were to reactivate their open space group but with a target of \$20 mil with most of the money coming from grants. The proposed developer is now suing the Marple commissioners for \$7 mil for his lost money. Believe he lost the \$5Mil deposit and maybe \$2 mil for his plans

**SEPTA Sustainability Roundtable** (Dennis) – SEPTA boasted about many green initiatives, including hybrid and all-e buses and regenerative braking systems, but the proposed CHP plant was not mentioned. Dennis sent an email to the conference leader about the topic. Waiting for response.

**ExCom Nominating Committee** - Prasad agreed to be at least on member of this year's nominating committee. Bill offered, but since he is up for reelection, he is not eligible.

Terms are ending for: Pat, Bill, Dave, Mat, Mike.

**Action:** Jim to call a meeting to discuss nomination process and cmte members.

**Next meeting** will be Wed, Sep 7, 6:15 at City CoHo and on the phone. [warning – if most people are in the conf room and just a few on the phone, it's not a good experience for those on the phone]

These are draft minutes – if anyone has corrections or additions, please send to Jim. They will be presented for adoption at the Sep meeting.

Jim