



Minutes

EPC MONTHLY MEETING

Dec 19, 2022

City Hall, Conference Room 2000

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Attendance

EPC Members (13)	Status	Staff
Dan Beattie	P	Jessica Lassetter, T&ES
Eldon Boes	P	Felipe Ip, T&ES
Edith Cecchini, Secretary	P	Morgan Routt, OMB
Alexander Clark	P	Bill Eger, General Services
Benjamin Cuddy	P	
Jennifer Debias	P	Guest
Cynthia Elliott	P	Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Oleksandr Faryga	PR	
Nicole Heckman	P	
Kathie Hoekstra, Chair	PR	
Michael Olex, Vice-Chair	P	
Teresa Romanosky	P	
Marta Schantz	E	

P: Present; **PR:** Present Remotely; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent - Excused; **N:** Not a Member

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kathie Hoekstra was present remotely and handed over the Chair duties to Vice Chair Michael Olex, who accepted this role.

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Administrative Items

a. Meeting Minutes

November 21 meeting minutes were approved with Edith Cecchini abstaining because she was not present for the meeting.

b. Reports from Commissioners

- Ms. Jennifer Debias reported that there was an Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group meeting the previous Thursday but she was unable to attend.
- Acting Chair Olex reported that the Open Space Steering Committee met the previous week. One of the foci is quality versus quantity of open space in Alexandria, especially as the City's population continues to grow. The Committee is expecting to produce a report by April 2023. Chair Ms. Hoekstra asked if the recently acquired 44-acre property was included as Open Space. Acting Chair Olex indicated that he would follow up with staff on this question.
- Ms. Hoekstra reported that the EPC-Planning Commission Small Working Group will meet December 20, 2023. She reported that the virtual educational EPC Meeting will take place January 10, 2023, and will highlight large buildings that have energy use intensity in the low 20s. In addition to positive climate impacts, these buildings also reduce energy burden which is especially important for low-income housing residents.

3. Brief Preview of Upcoming State Legislative Session and Information on State programs that Implement the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding Streams, Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker gave a brief preview of upcoming State Legislative Session. The House Finance Committee is proposing state appropriations to programs supporting resiliency, water quality, and agriculture in the Commonwealth. Delegate Bennett-Parker discussed the IRA and ensuring that the state administration will apply for energy-related funding. She discussed her support for the Virginia Clean Economy Act and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. The Commission spent time discussing appropriations and programs for IRA, what the EPC could do to support energy efficiency and sustainability programs and how to stay involved.

4. City of Alexandria Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Budget Development Briefing, Morgan Routt, OMB

Morgan Routt, Director of the City of Alexandria Office of Management and Budget (OMB) gave a briefing on budget development process of the City. He discussed the City budget, the budget process and how the State Constitution requires municipal operations to be

balanced annually. He also discussed the capital improvement program (10-years) and the five year planning process. Mr. Routt highlighted the FY2023 budget and inputs and challenges facing FY2024's budget process. He went over the timeline and where EPC members could provide guidance on budget priorities for Council consideration.

5. Discuss the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy (CSS) for the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) Presented at the November EPC Meeting

The Commission discussed the CSS for PRGS and the appropriate response given the new information that Hilco's will revise the CSS. The Commission discussed the draft letter shared in advance of the meeting and moved to update/revise the letter substantially because the circumstances have changed. Mr. Al Clark moved to empower Ms. Hoekstra to revise and update the letter to focus on what the Commission would want to see in the CSS highlighting the Department of Energy guidance on EUI, the goals in the Old Town North Small Area Plan, and the goals in the Coordinated Development District. This motion was seconded by Ms. Teresa Romanosky with all in favor.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

FY2023 Attendance

Member	Sep 19, 2022	Oct 17, 2022	Nov 21, 2022	Dec 19, 2022	TOTALS
Dan Beattie	E	P	P	P	75.0%
Benjamin Cuddy	P	P	E	P	75.0%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Brendan Owens	P	P			100.0%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Edith Cecchini	E	E	E	P	25.0%
Cynthia Elliott	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Oleksandr Faryga	P	P	A	P	75.0%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Nicole Heckman	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Marta Schantz	P	P	P	E	75.0%
Theresa Romanosky			P	P	100.0%