

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
September 21, 2009 Meeting

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Danielle Fidler	✓	Keith Freihofer	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Scott Barstow (Chair)	✓	Pat Hagan	✓	Peter Pennington
E	David Boxer	✓	Jennifer Hovis	✓	Phil Voorhees
✓	Jessica Bayliss Brown	✓	Laura Medhurst		

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent E=Excused Absence]

**City Staff**

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

**Begin 7:45 PM**

**Public Comment**

None

**Committee and Staff Updates**

- Mirant September 29 meeting is cancelled; instead there is an open house on 10/8 to discuss the wind screen and other Phase I recommendations
- The EECBG application incorporated the EAP as its basis; it is still under review at DOE. Bill provided a table of potential projects totaling ~\$1.37M
- The Rebuilding Alexandria/weatherization event will be delayed until spring 2010. A similar event by JobLink will still proceed in the fall.
- There is an upcoming public meeting on the fair weather crossing at Holmes Run/Chambliss. Some BRAC funds will be used for bank stabilization, which is a significant community concern.

**Administrative Items**

- July 20 and September 14 minutes were approved.
- Scott continues to work with Bernie Caton on the legislative priorities letter. Bernie suggested that EPC limit the list to four items.
- The FY09 Annual Report was approved with one minor edit. City staff will place the report on the Council docket for October 27.
- EPC approved Phil as the representative on the new Fort Ward group.
- Regarding a potential business member on the EPC, Scott sent a formal request to the Mayor and Council. Staff has drafted a docket item requesting the change from a student to a business rep. The item should appear on the Oct. 13 docket.
- EPC reappointed Peter to serve on the Waterfront Committee.
- Khoa and Bill shared info on the Eco City Audit tool that was distributed at Earth Day, and is now being developed as a web-based tool. Responses to the audit will be saved to a database, but there is no current plan to utilize the info for analysis or to contact the responders in any way. EPC will provide a very quick review on the tool. EPC agreed that when created categories that rate an individual's audit responses, that the term 'ambassador' be avoided in order to reserve that title for future EAP implementation projects.

**EAP 2030 Implementation**

- The group reviewed the action items/strategy from the retreat, which Scott and Phil compiled. Scott will submit a revised version of the matrix as a result of the discussions.

- There was discussion of utilizing hype surrounding the December Copenhagen climate change meetings in order to do an outreach event locally. This could be part of a December event on the City's climate action plan, or a separate event in January/February to discuss in the context of the outcome of Copenhagen.
- Other upcoming events to promote Eco-City: 10/1 Del Ray First Thursday, 10/3 Del Ray Art on the Avenue.
- With respect to a potential work session with Council, it was agreed that the meeting would need to be very focused and well organized. There are limited sessions available, and each lasts only an hour. Bill noted that Council's retreat is coming up, during which plans to revamp the Strategic Plan will be discussed.

**Adjourn 10:05 PM**