



Minutes
EPC/Planning Commission Joint Meeting
January 30, 2023
Charles Houston Recreation Center
[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	Melissa Atwood, T&ES
Edith Cecchini, Secretary	A	William Skrabak, T&ES
Alexander Clark	P	Ryan Freed, Climate Action Officer
Benjamin Cuddy	P	Robert Kerns, P&Z
Jennifer Debias	P	Karl Moritz, P&Z
Cynthia Elliott	P	Thomas Kierl, P&Z
Oleksandr Faryga	P	Jeff Farner, P&Z
Kathie Hoekstra, Chair	P	Dustin Smith, P&Z
Michael Olex, Vice-Chair	P	Christina Brown, CAO
Theresa Romanosky	P	
Marta Schantz	P	
Planning Commission		Guest
Melissa McMahon, Vice-Chair	P	Scott Barstow
Nathan Macek, Chair	P	
Jody Manor	PR	
Stephen Koenig	PR	
David Brown	P	
Vivian Ramirez	P	
Melinda Lyle	A	

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

EPC Chair Kathie Hoekstra called meeting to order and provided brief overview of history of EPC-PC Joint meetings leading to consensus on final product.

Planning Commission Chair Nathan Macek noted for the record that Commissioner Stephen Koenig was participating remotely from his Alexandria home for medical reasons, and Commissioner Jody Manor was participating remotely from Hawaii for personal reasons.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Overview of EPC-PC Small Working Group Meetings

Discussion included the following topics/ideas:

- Intent of letter is to identify where EPC and PC feel policy changes should be made and provide examples of what standards could look like while being mindful of other market impacts.
- Understanding timing to enter planning process. Too early, it may not be known what is possible and what to plan. Too late, makes it difficult to make changes that will have positive impacts.
- Clarify ask to ensure Council understands intent in letter (specific enough while avoiding being too specific without further research/analysis).
- Suggestion that when new buildings are being designed, EPC or PC members should be included in the beginning of the process for early engagement to help prevent future issues.
- Requested specific language added to the end of the letter for clarity.

Motion: Mr. Alexander Clark, move to approve letter with edits recommended; **Second:** Mr. Dan Beattie; **Vote:** Unanimous agreement to approve with edits.

4. Other Areas of EPC-PC Discussion

Discussed future collaboration and next steps for EPC-PC Joint collaboration. Included possible joint meeting in 6 months to determine movement of requests. Mentioned possible experts to present information to Commissions on various aspects of planning, to include financing and other work connected to the larger process. Discussion also included Green Building policy with regards to major renovations.

Planning Commission adjourned at 8:59pm.

5. EPC Administrative Items

Discuss EPC letter to Council on ECCAP (1-30-23 v3) – discussed minor changes.

Motion: Mr. Eldon Boes; **Second:** Ms. Marta Schantz; **Vote:** unanimous approval, with Ms. Cynthia Elliott abstaining.

6. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn EPC: Ms. Marta Schantz; **Second:** Mr. Alexander Clark; **Vote:** Unanimous approval to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

FY2023 Attendance

Member	Sep 19, 2022	Oct 17, 2022	Nov 21, 2022	Dec 19, 2022	Jan 10, 2023	Jan 23, 2023	Jan 30, 2023	TOTALS
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Edith Cecchini	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	57.1%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Marta Schantz	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	71.4%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	85.7%
Benjamin Cuddy	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	85.7%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Cynthia Elliott	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	85.7%
Oleksandr Faryga	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	85.7%
Dan Beattie	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	85.7%
Theresa Romanosky			P	P	E	P	P	80.0%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%