

## Admin Item Updates for February 23, 2026 EPC meeting:

**Staff Update on Earth Month Planning (Melissa Atwood):** This year's Earth Month Theme is: *Lights, Camera, Action: Spotlighting Steps to a Greener Alexandria*. Anyone that is planning an Earth Month event is welcome to provide Ms. Atwood their event information that can be (1) shared as part of the City's Earth Month webpage with all the environmental events that occur that month and (2) possibly added to the Earth Month Calendar, depending on other events that are also planned that day. The City is also creating a "template" for social posts to make everything (as much as possible) look connected for Earth Month.

**Update from Chair Schantz:** EPC is invited by the Beautification Commission to co-sign the letter asking the City to post and fill the vacant Arborist position. See letter attached to email.

### Youth Engagement (Ms. Krisko & Mr. Boes): Bike Bus Invite

Ms. Perrin Krisko and Mr. Eldon Boes would like to invite EPC members (and OCA staff) to join Alexandria Bike Buses during two early March events.

1. Jump on board the bike bus in a float at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade **on March 7**. Register your interest in participating at the link [HERE](#), and we will send you all logistical information by February 27. We highly encourage you to include your kids &/or grandkids in your registration!



2. Spend an afternoon at the park decorating bike helmets for the St. Patty's parade bike bus float. See the full details below:

- **WHEN:** 3 - 4 PM on Friday, March 6

- **WHERE:** Windmill Hill Park, 501 S Union St. (on the Mt. Vernon Trail for easy bikeability)
- **WHO:** Organized by Alexandria Bike Buses. Catered by [Forever Empanadas](#) (Alexandria's newest woman-, latin-owned small business). Sponsored by [BPAC](#). Joining us will be a number of local city government representatives, [Alexandria's Boys & Girls Club](#), [Trek Bicycles of Alexandria](#), [Naomi Brooks Bike Bus](#), Patrick Henry Bike Bus, Mount Vernon Community School Bike Bus, [Escuela Key Bicibus](#).
- **WHAT:** Get ready to get crafty with bike bus kids decorating their helmets with stickers, ribbons, gel paint, and high-visibility reflective tapes. Feel free to bring your own bike helmet to decorate! Bonus points if you bike over to the park on the Mt. Vernon Trail. Grab a little bite of empanadas and a cold-pressed juice. This will be a low-pressure event with time for kids to play at the park and for adults to discuss the merits of bike buses in Alexandria.
- **WHY:** Alexandria Bike Buses will ride in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and we want to get the kids jazzed, pumped, and prepped for the big day!

#### **Flood Resilience Plan – Secretary Phil Mobilia & Ms. Julia Slayden**

Nothing to report.

#### **Housing Master Plan – Ms. Kathie Hoekstra & Ms. Revers**

#### **Community Choice Aggregation – Mr. Charlie Garlow & Ms. Krisko**

#### **Commission Updates:**

##### **- Transportation Commission – Vice-Chair Dan Beattie.**

The TC approved a recommended request to the MWGOG for up to \$100,000 in technical assistance to support a bicycle network gap analysis to identify and address gaps in the city's bike trail network.

- **Waterfront Commission – Mr. Boes**
- **Public Health Commission – Ms. Krisko**
- **Park & Recreation Commission – Mr. David Hole**