



**Minutes**  
**EPC REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 21, 2019**  
**7:30 - 9:30 PM**  
**City Hall, Room 2000**

**Attendance**

<b>EPC Members</b>		<b>Staff</b>
Humza Arshad	P	Khoa Tran
Craig Berry	A	Helen Lee
Eldon Boes	P	Sarah Taylor
James Hook	P	
Praveen Kathpal	P	<b>Guests</b>
Michael Kulas	P	Mike Sandler
Brendan Owens	P	Karla Loeb
Marta Schantz	P	Kathie Hoekstra
Carolyn Schroeder	P	Steve Banashek
Reid Sherman	P	Al Clark
		Alex Ong

**P:** Present; **A:** Absent; **R:** Representing EPC at other boards/ commissions

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair P. Kathpal at 07:35 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ms. Hoekstra mentioned the current “Fire Drill Friday Climate Strike” in Washington DC with participation of actress Jane Fonda.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Minutes for September 30, 2019 meeting was approved unanimously with no changes.
- Commissioners representing the EPC on other City commissions/committees reported on current status:
  - Mr. Boes reported on a proposal to close the 100 block of King Street during weekends and on the scooter pilot program.

- Chair Kathpal reiterated that the EPC would like to be involved in the Earth Day Planning Committee with specific role to be defined following the future structure of this committee to be formulated by RPCA and T&ES.
- Ms. Schroeder reported on the scooter pilot program and the innovation forum on Alexandria Mobility Plan held on October 7.
- Mr. Sherman reported on the Alexandria Master Plan FY 2019 Status of Implementation Report. Khoa Tran subsequently sent this reported to all members of the commission.
- Chair Kathpal mentioned that the Eco-City Steering Committee will hold a meeting on November 19.
- Ms. Schantz reported on a student-led GWMS environmental policy initiative aimed at supporting policy proposals to Council this term that create guidelines or standards regarding mold issue in school/city buildings.
- Mr. Kulas reported on his discussion with UDR regarding its proposed development project that would require an RPA exemption. He and Chair Praveen also held discussions with City staff on this project. Jesse Maines, Division Chief of Stormwater Management Division, T&ES, plans to brief the commission on the RPA exemption process at the EPC November 18 meeting.
- Khoa Tran briefed the commission on the Virginia Paving SUP public hearing on October 19, and Council decision to allow this plant to continue to operate until November 1, 2026 with stricter production and PM2.5 emission limits after November 1, 2022.

#### **4. Electricity Decarbonization Policy Pathways**

- Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director, gave a brief overview about the City's draft 2020 legislative package consisting of 63 preliminary proposals to date.
  - Environmental priorities can be part of the strategic plan (i.e., sustainable City) or local authority category. Major priority is to get more state funding for the CSO project.
  - Ms. Taylor would like to use the commission as subject matter experts if possible.
  - The 2020 legislative package will be on the Council legislative session on November 12 with final approval expected in December.
- Karla Loeb of Sigora Solar spoke about the current clean energy deployment landscape in Virginia. Sigora Solar is provider for 44% installed solar capacity in Virginia.
- Mike Sandler from Virginia Clean Energy (VCE), spoke about the current status of CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) in Virginia. Apparently, VCE has been in contact with

Arlington County to promote for CCA and is involved in current research on legality and costs for CCA.

#### **5. WasteSmart Strategic Plan Update**

- Helen Lee provided an update to the above strategic plan and mentioned that the City is to receive an award for its effort in community outreach on recycling.
- Helen also provided a WasteSmart/EAP Progress Chart that was very appreciative by the commission.
- Khoa Tran subsequently passed this chart on to other City staff responsible for different sections of the EAP 2040.
- Chair Kathpal would like to know if Resource Recovery division would be able to achieve the short-term target of 12% reduction in GHG if and when all the actions in the WasteSmart plan have been successfully completed.
- This plan is to be revised in 5 years.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2019. Khoa Tran will be on vacation and Ellen Eggerton will be the support staff for this meeting.

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