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EPC REGULAR MEETING

September 30, 2019

7:30 – 9:30 PM

City Hall, Room 2000

Attendance

EPC Members		Staff
Humza Arshad	P	Khoa Tran
Craig Berry	A	Ellen Eggerton
Eldon Boes	A	Christine Ferry
James Hook	A	
Praveen Kathpal	P	Guests
Michael Kulas	A	Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Brendan Owens	P	Councilman John Chapman
Marta Schantz	P	Kathie Hoekstra
Carolyn Schroeder	P	Steve Banashek
Reid Sherman	P	Erin Lee
		Scott Barstow

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

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Policy Commission meeting was called to order by Chair P. Kathpal at 07:50 PM when a quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Black spoke on mosquito abatement in apartment complexes and gaps in City code on dealing with landlords and property owners.
- Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker spoke about the Climate Change Emergency Resolution and requested feedback from the Commission. Chair Kathpal will collect comments from the Commission and will submit them to the Vice Mayor.
- Councilman John Chapman was also in attendance.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Commissioner B. Owens was nominated for Vice Chair of EPC. Commissioner Sherman moved and all six commissioners present agreed. Owens accepted the role.

- Commission Chair requested that the Green Building Policy Update Task Force and AHAAC-EPC Sub-committee be removed from future Administrative Items.
- Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2019 approved when Commissioner Sherman motioned, and Commissioner H. Arshad seconded. 5 – yes. Staff is to amend Commissioner C. Schroeder attendance record to reflect her presence at the 2019 Annual Retreat.
- Commissioners representing the EPC on other City commissions/committees reported on current status:
 - Virginia Paving SUP is on agenda for October 3 Planning Commission meeting.
 - Chair Kathpal would like to re-engage the Eco-City Steering Committee to provide direction on implementation of the EAP 2040. Staff is to work with Vice-Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper (Co-Chairs of this committee) to schedule future meetings.

4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- Jesse Maines, Division Chief and Joni Calmbacher, Civil Engineer III, T&ES Stormwater Management Division, gave a presentation to the Commission on Stormwater Management Strategies.

5. EPC ANNUAL RETREAT RECAP

- No action items

6. EPC BUDGET LETTER

- Commission discussed priority actions that should be on its Budget Letter to be sent to the City Manager (due on October 4). The Chair suggested the message about climate change, leading by example and community actions along with a focus on the following items from the Environmental Action Plan 2040.

Top Tier Items:

Energy/Climate Change Task Force
 Green Building Staff Position in Planning/Zoning
 Implementation and Outreach

Second Tier:

Renewable Energy Supply Strategy
 Transportation – zero emission buses
 Open Space

Commissioner M. Schantz moved to agree, and Commissioner H. Arshad seconds with all in favor of these items. Letter from Chair will be sent to staff by the end of the week.

7. CITY 2020 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Discussion on Legislative Package. Chair thought form was more for staff rather than a Commission. Staff confirmed that Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director from the City Manager's Office, will attend future Commission meeting on October 21st for presentation on the draft 2020 legislative package.

8. ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Chair encouraged Commissioners to attend the Council Meeting of October 2 for the Energy Awareness Month (October 2019) Proclamation.

9. ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

The next meeting of the Environmental Policy Commission will be held 7:30 PM, October 21st.

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