

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2018

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMISSION

FROM: KARL MORITZ, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

SUBJECT: FY2019 GREEN BUILDING POLICY UPDATE

The Department of Planning & Zoning launched its work plan for updating the Green Building Policy in July 2018. The schedule to date is:

September	City Council Task Force Resolution adopted and consultant selected
October	First Task Force Meeting – begin consultant study
November - February	Green Building Educational Series (open to public)
December	Task Force Meeting – discuss consultant findings
January – April	Staff drafts Green Building Policy report
February, March	Task Force Meetings – discuss report drafts
June 2019	City Council review of the proposed Green Building Policy

In line with the P&Z work plan, City Council is scheduled to review a resolution at its 9/11 legislative meeting on the establishment of a Green Building Update Task Force and its composition. The proposed composition includes a broad range of stakeholders and is proportionally consistent with the task force created for the development of the Green Building Task Force in 2008. Although not included as task force members, all city staff who work on private and public (including schools) development projects will be actively involved with the task force throughout the Green Building update process. City Council will review the following composition:

- **(7) Environmental Advocates or Technical Experts**
 - (2) third-party green building certification organizations (two from different organizations)
 - (1) affordable housing developer representative
 - (1) Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) member
 - (1) environmental group

- (1) architect with LEED certification
- (1) environmental consultant

- **(6) Development Industry**
 - (2) large-scale developers
 - (2) residential home builders
 - (1) land use attorney
 - (1) development association

Additionally, P&Z staff has initiated the process to hire consultants with the \$75,000 that has been budgeted for consultant services associated with the Green Building update. Consultants will provide analyses to inform the task force on the most effective strategies and the costs of different strategies.