

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
January 9, 2012 Work Session

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Peter Pennington (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Jennifer Hovis	✓	Patrick Hagan	✓	Phil Voorhees
X	Heather Schaefer	✓	Scott Barstow	✓	Geoffrey Goode
X	Bobby Croghan	✓	Josh Sawislak	✓	Rebecca Jablon
✓	Kristen Nelson				

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak, Bill Eger

**Begin 7:00 PM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Yon Lambert of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) and Adrienne Fancher of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

**Public Comment**

- None

**Covanta Energy-from-Waste Facility Update – Richard Baier, Director, T&ES**

- Richard Baier gave an update on status of the Covanta facility.
  - o The facility is reliable and meets the city's needs.
  - o The facility has a land lease through 2025.
  - o The City has a 40-60 split with Arlington County on waste going to the facility.
  - o The City of Alexandria, Arlington County and Covanta are looking to restructure their relationship. The draft agreement is to be docketed for Council consideration on January 24, 2012.
  - o There is a community meeting, that the EPC is invited to, on January 19, 2012 at the Lee Center from 7 – 9 pm.

**Earth Day Update**

- Jennifer stated that she has received feedback from the schools on the fashion show idea, and while they enjoyed it, they felt it could be broadened to include other activities, such as musical pieces, so that more could participate.
- The committee needs to get started on working with the ASA on the Pickering Award. Geoff, Patrick and Rebecca volunteered to help with this effort, with Geoff being the primary point of contact to the ASA.
  - o Outreach suggestions include placing an announcement on the facebook page, a press release, e-news and direct mailing. The local patch websites would be a valuable outreach resource as well.
- The EPC should start thinking of the activity for their stand during the festivities.

**Outreach**

- The City has a variety of presentations that the EPC could paste together into a short cohesive presentation to the city's community associations.
  - o Bill S. will provide these to the EPC
  - o Jennifer, Geoff and Scott volunteered to develop the presentation.

- Heather is developing an online public forum for the EPC.

**Process to review EAP 2030**

- Peter proposed that the EPC give a cursory look over the EAP to see if anything should be amended.
- Josh and Kurt suggested that a fileshare service such as Google Docs would serve us well. Josh will touch base with Heather to develop a fileshare for the EPC.

**Other Business Items**

- Scott has started a climate change study group – all are welcome.

**Adjourn 9:10 PM**