

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
January 10, 2011 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Jennifer Hovis (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	X	Kurt Moser
✓	Jessica Bayliss Brown	✓	Patrick Hagan	✓	Peter Pennington
✓	Patrick Brennan	X	Scott Barstow	✓	Phil Voorhees
✓	Bobby Croghan	✓	Laura Medhurst	✓	Geoffrey Goode
				X	Rebecca Jablon

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak

Begin 7:35 PM

Public Comment

- None

Ellen Pickering Award

- Patrick volunteered to take the lead on working with ASA for this year's award.

Earth Day

- Peter provided an update, as plans are moving forward with Earth Day. EPC is one of the primary sponsors, and all members are expected to volunteer at the event on April 30.

Combating Litter

- Patrick raised concerns about recent experiences with litter in parts of Old Town, and inquired whether EPC could create a special project to address it.
- As the primary step, EPC suggested contacting the leaders of certain neighborhood groups and ARHA to address specific locations.
- Geoff discussed the Lynhaven neighborhood's efforts to clean up streets, which is incentivized through the City (monetary awards are given after City inspections).
- Patrick will research current programs (Adopt-a-Block, etc.) to learn about the current level of participation and whether additional outreach opportunities are available.

Complete Streets

- As EPC representative to the Transportation Commission, Phil provided an update on the Complete Streets policy. The bike/pedestrian civic groups have recently raised concerns about the decision to adopt a policy rather than an ordinance.
- City staff are concerned an ordinance will be more resource intensive, so middle ground is being considered. The revised policy will potentially include a checklist for all road projects, and a requirement that exceptions be presented to the Transportation Commission. This is similar to the approach for the Green Building policy.
- The Eco-City Charter and EAP call for a 'resolution' on Complete Streets, and did not specify an ordinance. The EPC was generally supportive of the middle ground approach.

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- The draft document has been distributed to Departments for review and comment; it will be presented in February.

- Saturday, March 26 is the potential date for the Open House. The educational event will be scheduled as soon as speakers are confirmed.
- The working draft of the plan will be sent to EPC this week to review how comments were addressed.

Adjourn 9:30 PM