

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
January 23, 2012 Regular Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Eger

Other Attendees

Adrienne Fancher (ASA), Kitt Tuttle (citizen)

Begin 7:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Peter gave an overview the EPC's responsibilities to the citizen in attendance.

Public Comment

- None

Waterfront Plan Update

- The Waterfront Plan was passed by City Council at last Saturday's public hearing, after several hours of public comment and discussion.
- Peter stressed the importance of EPC monitoring future discussions on stormwater facilities, flood control plans, protection of RPAs, development on contaminated lands, and traffic impacts (among others) as these issues arise.

Beauregard Small Area Plan

- City staff would like to present the draft area plan to EPC, as it is being released to the public this week
- The plan will involve significant shifts to a more urban environment; it is important for EPC to monitor developments related to open space, transportation, and impacts to the Winkler Preserve (among others).
- Khoa will work with P&Z to schedule a special meeting for EPC, potentially on January 30 or 31.
- Some members of the EPC expressed frustration with continued late notice on these development plans, which does not allow for thorough consideration of the Eco-City Charter and EAP commitments. EPC will need to continue to work with P&Z to ensure timely information. Phil has been involved in the stakeholder group.

ACTion Alexandria Competition

- Kristen has done an excellent job coordinating with Tracy at ACTion Alexandria to develop a project.
- The EPC will designate at least one member to serve as a judge.
- While there were some questions on process in Kristen's absence, the EPC unanimously supported this effort, which will be coordinated with Earth Day activities.

Earth Day Update

- Jen connected EPC members (Geoff, Rebecca, Pat) to ASA staff to begin work on the Pickering award. Special attention will be given to public outreach to increase the number of new nominees.
- Jen also requested ideas for volunteer projects, as several citizens have been in contact looking for ideas to support Earth Day (other than the City event on April 21). Projects related to trees, trash collection, marking stormwater drains, and Rebuilding Alexandria were all suggested.

Administrative Items

- A non-profit organization has contacted EPC with a request for City Council to pass a resolution in support of EPA's enforcement of the Clean Air Act. The EPC agreed that the appropriate response would be to decline the offer, highlighting to the more substantive commitments Alexandria has already made in this area.
- December 19 and January 9 minutes were approved with one minor edit.
- Peter mentioned that ARHA has been invited to a future meeting to discuss sustainability in public housing.
- The February 6 EPC work session will occur at ASA, and will include a tour as well as a discussion with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. Jen will also be representing EPC that evening at the next Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Group meeting.

Review of the EAP 2030

- Josh is setting up a Google share site to allow collaboration on the first three principles (air, transportation and green building).
- Heather is finalizing the initial efforts to launch the Eco-City forum, which will replace the blog and allow for more interaction with the community. There will be an eNews announcement once it is live.
- ACVA will officially launch the green business certification website this week.
- Peter and Geoff are working on a brief, standard presentation for HOAs and other community groups.

Adjourn 9:15 PM