

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
January 24, 2011 Committee Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

Begin 7:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Jessica stated Jennifer is out of town, and she will be acting chair. Jessica welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

- None

Update on Alexandria Waterfront Small Area Plan, Nancy Williams, P&Z Department

- The Plan seeks to increase the amount, variety and quality of public space within the city
- Approximately 2.3 acres of public space currently exists within the City. The Plan seeks to add 1.3 acres
- The Plan proposes adding elongated piers on King and Cameron Streets
- The Plan seeks to expand the marinas and improve the environmental conditions of the public spaces, including accounting for nuisance flooding
- A draft of the plan is to be complete by early February and it should be set to go to City Council for a public hearing and adoption in April

Education and Outreach Citizen's Advisory Group, Heather Schaefer

- Heather saw a need for a private environmental citizen's advisory group in Alexandria and would like guidance from the EPC
- She is developing a website, www.alexenvironment.org, to serve as resource for living a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle and linking to all green events and hot topics in the area
- The EPC can help provide resources, strategies and ideas and would be glad to work with Heather

Staff and Committee Updates:

- Bobby stated there is a USGBC mixer in Old Town Alexandria on January 27, 2011, where he will speak.
- Bobby stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding an after hours business even at the Hotel Monaco on April 7, 2011. The Chamber would like to sponsor a green business certification and to launch it at this event.
- Khoa stated the staff was invited by the Chamber to make a presentation to the Government Relations subcommittee on March 1, 2011
- The first Green Building Workshop will be held on February 5, 2011.

- BAR has issued recommendations on renovating historic properties. Peter is looking into how the issue of historic integrity versus insulation is addressed.
- The Four Mile Run Joint Task Force is meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- T&ES is presenting to City department heads in February.
- The EAP is currently undergoing draft revisions based on comments received from the Planning and Zoning Department.
- Bill requested that all comments be sent to T&ES by the end of January
- The tentative date and time for the Open House is March 26, 2011 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
 - It could be held at Polk Elementary – which is a modular building and various types of renewable energy can be shown off
 - EPC gave its support to the location suggestion of Polk Elementary
 - Scott is talking to someone at NOAA and will follow up

Adjourn 9:50 PM