

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
February 27, 2012 EPC Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak

Begin 7:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Nicole Macon of University of Maryland was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Public Comments

- None

CSO Permit Update, Bill Skrabak

- The City is in discussions with the State on the draft permit.
- Since the application is complete, the City is covered under the existing permit until the new permit is issued.
- The City has proposed doing the separation projects as redevelopment occurs.
- The City will meet with Virginia DEQ in mid-March and will have more details then.
- Kurt asked if there is a public outreach component to the permit. Bill stated there are no requirements on public outreach. Both the City and EPC agreed on the importance of public awareness on the issue.

City Manager's FY 2013 Proposed Budget, Bill Skrabak

- Three areas were off the table with regards to budget reductions: transportation, infrastructure and fire and safety.
- All other areas had to look at a six percent budget reduction.
- Bill suggested that, if interested, the EPC listen to the City Manager's overview of the budget.
- The CIP budget has an additional twenty million dollars for open space over the next ten years.
- There is a meeting on February 28th to in part discuss the pros and cons of purchasing hybrid transit vehicles.
- There is a public hearing on the budget on March 5th.

ACTion Alexandria Competition

- Kristen spoke on the details of the competition, which is proposed to launch on February 29th.
- As proposed, the Competition involves actually two separate initiatives. Prizes in the Alexandria Green Ideas Challenge would be awarded by a panel of judges based on the number of votes received on ACTion Alexandria's website and how relevant and implementable the idea is. Winners would be announced at the Earth Day Celebration. The other component would involve giving up to \$2,000 in grants to actionable ideas.

- EPC suggested that the press release be rewritten as to clarify that the grant is not tied to the winning idea of the online voting, or that the initiatives be combined.
- Kristen will get clarification from Tracy at ACTion Alexandria.

Earth Day Update

- Peter has some ideas on what the EPC should do for their table. He will send them this week.
- Geoff emailed the Old Town and Del Ray Patches, but hasn't heard back yet. He'll try again, to see if they can help get the word out.
- The ASA is developing a press release, once developed they'll send out press releases and advertise for nominees.

Administrative Items

- Minutes were approved from January 23rd, January 30th, and February 6th.
- The Health Department is doing a community and environmental health assessment survey and would like an EPC volunteer to participate. Kristen volunteered, as long as it's not on a Monday.

2011 Eco-City Progress and Key Environmental Indicators

- Khoa explained that he's developing a format to show how the indicators are progressing each year. Once finalized, the indicator fact sheet can be shown each year at Earth Day and at city council meetings.
- Khoa and Bill requested that the EPC look over the draft and pass on comments to Khoa by March 19th.

Review of the EAP 2030

- Peter requested that the EPC look through and add comments to the next three chapters. At the next meeting, the EPC will go over all comments. This process is to note what progress has been made and to inform the EPC and the City as to where their focus should be going forward.

Adjourn 9:10 PM