

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
March 15, 2010 Meeting

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Scott Barstow (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	✓	Laura Medhurst
✓	Jessica Bayliss Brown	✓	Patrick Hagan	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	David Boxer	✓	Patricia Hilgard	✓	Peter Pennington
✓	Bobby Croghan	✓	Jennifer Hovis	X	Phil Voorhees

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak, Carrie Fesperman

**Begin 7:40 PM**

**Public Comment**

None

**Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria**

- Carrie Fesperman provided an overview of the current efforts to develop indicators for the partnership.
- 144 indicators have currently been suggested, the hope is to narrow the list to 40. VA Tech has provided assistance in researching commonly used indicators.
- Carrie shared the list of suggested indicators that relate to Eco-City (ex: walk/bike to work, population within ½ mile of farmers markets, etc.)
- EPC members raised concerns about indicators that measure on a per capita basis, since population shifts could not be accounted for; EPC also suggested air quality and school programs be incorporated into the indicators.
- Next steps are to continue to take feedback from City staff and related commissions, then share with the public and finalize by September.

**Administrative Items**

- Patricia suggested that EPC review the mayor's State of the City speech to determine whether Eco-City is mentioned; Khoa stated that staff provided key points for the speech and later provided the text of the speech.
- February 22, March 1 and November 2, 2009 minutes were approved with no edits necessary.
- EPC still needs to appoint a member to the Fort Ward committee to take Phil's place; the tentative plan is for Laura and Scott to share the duties.
- Patricia mentioned that the community garden group needs volunteers to start seed sprouting.

**EAP Implementation**

- EPC members split into two subgroups (green business and indicators) to work on key implementation issues.
- Patrick will take responsibility for blog posting until the April 5 work session.

**Adjourn 9:30 PM**