

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
 March 21, 2011 Committee Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

Begin 7:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment

- None

Staff and Committee Updates

- The Sierra Club kicked off its campaign against the Mirant Power Plant.
- The City just received ATSDR's final report on *Health Consultation: Review of the Ambient Air Monitoring Data, Mirant PRGS*, which showed significant improvements in ground levels near the plant.
- An Energy Workshop was held March 19, 2011. The workshop was well attended and Peter made a pitch for the upcoming Open House.
- Peter spoke with the staff of Senator Mark Warner to discuss energy concerns and to plug the Open House.
 - o Senator Warner's staff requested to see the video of the March 15th event.
- Bobby stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding an after-hours business event at the Hotel Monaco on April 7, 2011. The Chamber would like to sponsor a green business certification recognition program and to launch it at this event.
 - o Bobby asked the Chamber to look over the data gathered thus far and to identify potential resources for a webpage.
 - o Rebecca explained that a colleague at her firm is looking into existing green business certification programs and will have a finished deliverable to the EPC by the end of the week.
 - o Peter suggested the EPC could hand out packs for the treasure hunt at the event.
- Peter gave the updates regarding the City's Earth Day:
 - o The Earth Day committee has a commitment of \$15,000.
 - o Letters have gone out to 122 traders regarding the treasure hunt, only about 20 are needed. So far, 5 have signed up.
 - o Alexandria's Earth Day is part of the Earth Day Network – in order to be a part of the network, the City has to help them achieve a billion acts of green. Peter suggested that perhaps a sign up could be incorporated into the EPC's booth and exhibit.
 - o Jessica confirmed that there are a good number of exhibitors, with more coming in.

- Peter requested information from the City on DASH's accessibility and functionality that day.
 - Kurt will be looking into parking.
- There are several river cleanups happening within the next month:
 - April 9, 2011, Founder's Park
 - April 9, 2011, Potomac River Watershed, several locations
 - April 15, 2011, Mirant Power Plant
- Jessica stated the Del Ray Open House, held on March 14, 2011, was a good one. There were nearly 35 stands.
- Jennifer confirmed a date and time with David Peabody, of Peabody Architects, for a passive house tour. The tour will be held on April 16, 2011 and will be limited to approximately 25 people. Jennifer will send out an official RSVP.

Feedback on EPC Lecture on the Science of Climate Change, March 15, 2011

- Khoa stated the City is working on correcting the problem with the network with regards to viewing the video of the lecture.
- There were approximately 45 attended, including several members of City Council and/or their staff.
- The presentations and questions were thought to be very good.

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- March 26, 2011 Open House:
 - Jennifer stated that Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Kupricka are penciled in to give the opening and closing remarks, respectively.
 - Danielle offered to present the major sources of individual greenhouse gas emissions, and Scott offered to help.
 - It was agreed that every roundtable discussion at the Open House should be centered around the same topics and questions.
 - Each EPC member will facilitate a discussion.
 - Khoa will confirm logistics with the school.

Administrative Items

- Minutes were approved with minor edits to be made.

Adjourn 9:20 PM