

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
April 2, 2012 EPC Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran

Begin 7:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Peter Pennington, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

- None

Report on IT Improvements

- Heather described how it's been challenging to set up the forum and to get the city's webpages updated.
 - o The EPC has the EPC and Eco-City webpages, which Khoa can update, the EPC and Eco-City facebook pages, and the Earth Day website.
- Heather will talk to the City's IT department about what they can do to help
- Peter and the EPC thanked Heather for all of her work on developing the forum and looking into updating the webpages.

Staff & Commission Members Update

- Eco-City Alexandria is no longer on the City's home page. Khoa will talk to the City's IT staff to get it back up.
- The City Manager will be attending the next EPC meeting, where we'll be discussing Eco-City Alexandria, sustainability, and what it means to the City
- The DASH board voted that the next batch of buses will be hybrids. The purchase of hybrid buses still needs to be approved by City Council.
 - o Waterfront Committee: on April 10th, the Council will debate making the committee a commission, membership would be increased.
- Beauregard Plan: EPC comments were not incorporated into the latest draft; however, the EPC comments are being considered and the EPC will receive a formal response
- Trash Clean-Up: April 15th, at 9 am. Everyone should meet outside the Starbucks in the Bradlee Shopping Center
- Green Business Recognition Program
 - o The ACVA is hosting a meeting to roll out the program on April 20th. Peter will be in attendance. The website will be launched after the event.
 - o Four submissions have been received thus far.
 - o Peter will touch base with the ACVA on the status of the website updates.
- ACTion Alexandria: Kristen hasn't heard anything on the award; about 17 submissions have been received. Kristen will keep the EPC up to date on progress.
- Jennifer attended the smoke-free bus stop dedication, which had a large number of people in attendance – though not much media coverage.

- The campaign would like to work with the EPC in the future.

Earth Day Update

- Earth Day is maxed out on exhibitor space.
- The sponsorship is going well
- Jennifer will send out a sign-up sheet; the EPC is a sponsor of the event and everyone who can should be there.
- Pickering Award: The fourth nomination was received today. Pat, Geoff and Rebecca will help select the winner.

Progress Report on Environmental Action Plan 2030

- Khoa went through the draft of the progress report presentation with the EPC. The information will be presented to City Council on April 10th; Khoa invited the EPC to attend the meeting, which will also include a proclamation of Earth Day.

Review of the EAP 2030

- Thus far, the EPC has gone through the Air Quality and Transportation chapters.
- Josh will look into alternative methods to Google Docs and will put all the comments together and send to Peter.
- Peter requested that the EPC look through the Land Use chapter before the next meeting.

Adjourn 9:20 PM