

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
April 4, 2011 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

X	Jennifer Hovis (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Jessica Bayliss Brown	X	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 served as acting chair due to Jennifer's absence.

Public Comment

- None

De-briefing on EPC Open House on eCAP, March 26, 2011

- A total of 43 people attended the Open House, including approximately 25 residents, 3 City Councilmembers, and 11 from EPC.
- The event went well; there were a lot of great questions and feedback.
- The school is an impressive showpiece and a great way to outreach.
- Perhaps smaller afternoon sessions would be beneficial to keep the environmental discussion going past the adoption of the plan.
- Bill stated the City will pass the transportation-related comments on to the appropriate people.
- Bobby and Jessica suggested than an email goes out thanking everyone for their attendance and giving a friendly reminder that comments are welcome until April 15, 2011.
- Danielle's presentation went over very well, and Danielle kindly sent out the presentation to the City and EPC for future use.

Green Business Recognition Program, Bobby Croghan

- This Thursday, April 7, 2011 is the Chamber's business after-hours event.
- The program is in draft form, but having the draft there can show local businesses what's coming.
- The event will also include a tour of the Hotel Monaco and that the Hotel is doing to be more environmentally friendly.
- The EPC clarified that this program is a Chamber administered program, with EPC guidance.
- Eventually the entire program, as well as applications into the program, will be online.
- EPC members raised reservations that the EPC will have to remain on top of the certifications that are out there. It could become a large task.
- Concerns were raised that ranking certification programs could be tricky, as there may be only one available program in an industry as opposed to several in others. In addition, the operations of the business as opposed to the actual building of the

business should be adequately considered (as all new buildings in the city are required to be LEED certified silver).

- It was suggested that perhaps instead of ranking the existing certification programs as one to four leaves, it could simply be stated that the program is self-certifying or certified by a 3rd party.
- This certification recognition program is hoped to inspire greater interest, more events around green business, and a great way to promote Eco-City.
- Scott, Bobby and Peter will attend the after-hours event.
 - o Peter will also bring a sign-up for the Earth Day Network's green activities
 - o Two copies of the eCAP, and possibly copies of Danielle's presentation, will be available for perusal of event attendees.

Ellen Pickering Award

- Patrick B. sent out an email to the EPC stating that there are at least three nominations.
- Geoff and Danielle will review the applications.

2011 Earth Day Update

- Peter stated that there is firm commitment of another \$1,600, which brings the committee past the goal of \$16,000.
- The treasure hunt was shelved due to lack of interest among local businesses.
- Thirteen schools are involved in the fashion show; nearly 200 students will be on stage.
- The EPC has a booth and Laura is organizing the activity.
- Peter asked for EPC to arrive at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event.

Passive House Tour

- Please RSVP to Jennifer by April 11, 2011.

Adopt-a-Block

- The next clean up will be May 15, 2011.

Adjourn 9:00 PM