

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
 April 18, 2011 Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

- Bobby reported that the April 7 EPC/Chamber event was well attended
- Bill reported that Virginia Paving officially switched over to natural gas for operations (EPC previously supported the SUP amendment to make this change)
- Bill also reported that City staff provided a recent update about GenOn (formerly Mirant) to the MCMG; bids are coming in for the bag house work and the settlement money should cover the bulk of the work. Sierra Club is now running ads on Metro related to shutting down the plant. The City will be providing public comments on the EPA's new proposed mercury air rule.
- Peter asked whether the Market Square farmers market has restrictions on distance for goods sold; Khoa will follow up. Depending on the season, some goods are not local.

Earth Day

- EPC members should plan to be there by 7:30AM to help with set up. Jen will arrange schedule for other duties throughout the day (parking, etc.).
- Peter reported that a preview of the fashion show will take place at the Torpedo Factory the Thursday before Earth Day.

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- The complete set of public comments were shared with EPC. Most were general and did not warrant edits to the document. Some text was added related to efforts by Virginia, and per capita GHG was added as the default measure.
- The EPC voted unanimously in a resolution to support the eCAP, and forward it to Council with a recommendation for adoption by the City (pending some final edits from Scott). Jen & Scott will write a letter from EPC to Council documenting the resolution.
- The final draft will be presented to Council on May 10 with public hearing on May 14.

Administrative Items

- March 21 and April 4 minutes were approved.

Adjourn 9:35PM