

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
 April 19, 2010 Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak

Begin 7:40 PM

Public Comment

- Lisa McNichols, a Del Ray resident, raised concerns about potential odor and air quality impacts from a new BBQ restaurant opening on Mt. Vernon Avenue. She has been speaking with the owner and the City about options to ensure minimal impacts to neighbors and the school that is nearby.
- Bill noted that the owner has already agreed to switch from an all wood smoker to a hybrid system using gas and wood in order to reduce particulate emissions. Carbon treatment is an additional option that may be needed if the dilution fan initially installed is not effective. City staff have attempted to model the air impacts from the restaurant and found the levels to be very low. Staff recommend using typical performance standards in the SUP that require the restaurant to address any complaints once operating.
- Ms. McNichols and several other citizens developed a lengthy paper describing their concerns and similar situations elsewhere; Bobby will share the report with EPC and the group will determine how to proceed at the next meeting.

Staff & Committee Updates

- EPC welcomed the newest member, Matt Voorhees
- Bill stated that the new State air permit has been issued for Virginia Paving. There has been some disagreement over the new SUP revisions to move toward natural gas at the plant. The City and local residents support the shift and a minor amendment to the SUP, however the Federation of Civic Associations has requested that the SUP be formally reopened which may discourage Virginia Paving from pursuing the change.
- Laura reported that the restaurant expo is tentatively planned for September 28. Current efforts are focused on identifying roundtable leaders and participants.
- Jessica was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email update on outreach activities planned for spring and summer, including Del Ray First Thursdays and Bike to Work Day.
- EPC members were reminded of assignments for Alexandria Earth Day; Laura has prepared materials for the recycling game for the EPC tent.

Administrative Items

- Minutes from the March 15 meeting and April 5 work session were approved.
- Phil agreed to continue as the EPC rep on the Fort Ward advisory group.
- Peter noted upcoming meetings on streetcars and waterfront planning.

Adjourn 9:30 PM