



## Minutes EPC REGULAR MEETING

April 22, 2019

7:30 – 9:30 PM

City Hall, Room 2000

### Attendance

EPC Members		Staff
Craig Berry	P	Khoa Tran
Elisabeth Bradley	P	
Eldon Boes	P	
Geoffrey Goode	A	
James Hook	R/P	
Leslie Jones	A	
James Kapsis	P	<b>Guests</b>
Praveen Kathpal	P	Steve Banashek
Michael Kulas	P	Kathie Hoekstra
Brendan Owens	P	
Carolyn Schroeder	P	
Reid Sherman	A	

P: Present; A: Absent; R: Representing EPC at other boards/ commissions

### Welcome & Introductions

Chair Praveen Kathpal called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

### Public Comments

Ms. Hoekstra mentioned there will be a big environmental event (regarding Green New Deal) on April 27, same day as the Alexandria Earth Day. Mr. Banashek had a question regarding the Potomac Yard Metro Station which he would ask during the committee updates.

### Administrative Items & Committee Reports

- Minutes of the EPC meeting on March 18, 2019 was approved as is.
- DASH Board Update reported by Jim Kapsis
  - DASH successfully obtained the VW settlement funds for electric buses and charging infrastructure with details to be reported later.

- Solarize Alexandria program started just now and this is the last year for getting the 30% federal tax credits. Solar panel installed cost is now ~\$2.4/kW before tax credits and does not include battery.
- Waterfront Commission reported by Eldon Boes
  - Nothing significant to report.
- Transportation Commission reported by Carolyn Schroeder
  - Letter from Transportation Commission (TC) endorsing the EAP 2040 is handed out at the meeting.
  - TC will be the advisory body for the Alexandria Mobility Plan.
  - New Principal Transportation Planner is Jennifer Slesinger.
  - Carolyn mentioned that parking is something EPC should spend more time on.
- EW/LVD Advisory Group reported by Reid Sherman
  - Reid was not present to report on this.
- River Renew Stakeholder Advisory Group reported by Geoff Goode
  - Geoff was not present to report on this.
- PYMIG reported by Chair Kathpal
  - James Hook attending the PYMIG meeting tonight.
- Green Building Policy Update Task Force - Brendan Owens
  - Next meeting of the GBP Update Task Force will be on April 24.
  - Draft Green Building Policy has been circulated to Task force members.
  - Overall, structure of the Policy is largely what the EPC advocates for and aligning well with EAP priorities.
  - It is worth noting the different requirements for public and private developments renewable energy production: 10% for public and 5% for private developments.
  - Chair Kathpal suggested that EPC advocate for three net zero energy pilot buildings instead of one that is being proposed in the draft Green Building Policy Update.
- AHAAC-EPC Subcommittee Meeting – Brendan Owens, Craig berry
  - AHAAC expressed concerns about increased cost of green buildings might negatively impact on affordable housing in the City.

#### **EAP Phase 2 Update – Praveen Kathpal**

- EPC Chair expressed concerns about not having a complete EAP 2040 draft document at this time while the EPC deadline for comments being May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Two remaining divergence issues identified by staff are the timing for the feasibility study for low-stress mobility options and alternative metrics for the VMT target reduction.
- EPC discussed moving the target for the low-stress mobility feasibility study from 2023 to 2022 and felt that the 1% VMT reduction per year is too small.
- Reducing GHG emissions by better modes of transportation is not mentioned in the introduction section of the Transportation Chapter.
- EPC would like to have all introduction sections tie to the overarching goals of reducing GHG emissions.

- Also, EPC wants to have the scorecard to be included in the Executive Summary section of the report.

**EPC Earth Day Planning Activities - Eldon Boes, Carolyn Schroeder, and Elisabeth Bradley**

- Eldon reported that all planning activities for the Earth Day are being executed as planned and will include the 3-D art contest, Trash and Fashion show and Bike rides.
- The Gym will be used to hold the event in case of inclement weather.
- EPC members were encouraged to participate in this event.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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