

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
 May 2, 2011 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

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

Service Source Electronics Recycling

- Gabe Rubaclava from Service Source provided an overview of the organization's program to dismantle and recycle electronics in Alexandria. The organization employs local individuals with disabilities.
- Approximately 60 computers are dismantled a week; the group has a no-landfill policy and works to minimize waste that leaves the country. Mr. Rubaclava stated that there are no enforceable standards for this type of work, so they have developed their own internal standards to verify all companies they work with that accept waste materials.
- Mr. Rubaclava invited the EPC to tour the facility and is looking for outreach opportunities.

Earth Day

- Earth Day was a huge success! The official attendance was 2,120. The high school film club is editing the fashion show video to be used in various outlets.
- Bobby suggested more cohesion is necessary among attendees. The tree sale could have used more signs, and composting continues to confuse attendees.
- Peter is evaluating how to continue with the very successful fashion show while also allowing for more traditional themes to continue for the larger Earth Day event.

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- Jen will write a letter with Scott's input to Council in support of the plan.
- The final draft will be presented to Council on May 10 with public hearing on May 14.
- Council is voting on the commercial add-on tax for transportation at tonight's budget hearing.

Other Business

- Del Ray First Thursdays start this week, EPC has an opportunity to set up a table in front of Evening Star. Bobby will develop a half-page handout specific to the health & wellness theme, and staff the table. Peter also signed up for an EPC table at the City's birthday event.

- Bobby reported some increased resistance from the Chamber on the green certification program. He will approach ACVA next.
- Adopt a block is Sunday, May 15 at 9AM. Jen will get the materials.
- Bill reported the Partnership for Healthier Alexandria is working on a resolution to ban smoking in parks, playgrounds and bus stops. If it moves forward, EPC should voice support.

Adjourn 9:15PM