

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
May 21, 2012 EPC Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Peter Pennington (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	X	Kurt Moser
✓	Jennifer Hovis	✓	Josh Sawislak	X	Phil Voorhees
X	Heather Schaefer	✓	Scott Barstow	X	Geoffrey Goode
✓	Kristen Nelson			X	Rebecca Jablon

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak

Begin 7:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Peter Pennington, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

- Concern about waterfront plan. Did not seem like there was any really study of the impact.
 - Peter and Bill address work that the city staff have done to review the small area plan for the Waterfront. Chesapeake Bay plan conformity. BMPs for storm water.

Outreach

- Draft of presentation was discussed. Would welcome comments on draft. We should add section on what we are asking people to do. Add upcoming events and actions.

Renee Dipilato, Beatley Central Library

- Beatley Library has large theater (150 person). Also has theater license.
- Renee provided a list of Env themed films; can get one time license for other films.
- Would like to partner with EPC and looking for ideas on what we can do together.
 - Peter: talks about our planned mtg with City Mgr on how to get to the 96% (public). How to promote Eco city.
 - Beatley gets about 30k visitors a month and they have a 30k member email list.
 - Thinking about some focus on families; local media celebs might be willing to do this.
- Point is made to be careful of the language you use with the public. "sustainable" is confusing to some people.
- EPC expresses its general support and encouragement for the idea of partnering on engaging residents on environmental issues.

Staff Update

- Staff met with VADEQ on water permit. Waiting for official word, but cautiously optimistic.
- No news on GenOn except they are on schedule for closing. Talking to Planning Dept about how public input will work in the Fall.
- Bill and Erica went to climate symposium at MWCOG.
- We have a request from the City to suggest things we want to propose for next State Legislative session.
- Erica attended CEQ green button initiative. Comprehensive Utility data. Info on CEQ website
- EAP. Jbs to Update everyone on where we are.
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Administrative Issues

- June 18 City Mgr and voting for EPC officers
- July 2 meeting is joint mtg with bike/ped
- We have invited John Catlett from Code Administration to give us an update. John is on ICC body looking at code as well. Invited for June 4 mtg.
- Josh to provide update on EAP review status at next meeting.

Adjourn 8:55 PM