



## Minutes EPC REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2019  
7:30 – 9:30 PM  
City Hall, Room 2000

### Attendance

<b>EPC Members</b>		<b>Staff</b>
Humza Arshad	P	Khoa Tran
Craig Berry	P	Ellen Eggerton
Eldon Boes	P	
Geoffrey Goode	P	
James Hook	P	
Leslie Jones	A	
James Kapsis	P	<b>Guests</b>
Praveen Kathpal	P	Kathie Hoekstra
Michael Kulas	P	
Brendan Owens	A	
Carolyn Schroeder	A	
Reid Sherman	P	

**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. The Chair then welcomed new EPC member, Mr. Humza Arshad.

### Public Comments

Ms. Hoekstra mentioned a resolution regarding climate emergency/urgency and that she would contact elected officials to discuss it. EPC Chair asked for a copy of that resolution.

### Administrative Items & Committee Reports

- Minutes of the EPC meeting on April 22, 2019 was approved as is.
- DASH Board Update reported by Jim Kapsis

- In its last meeting, DASH Board discussed EAP 2040 and revisioning of DASH routes and services. DASH staff will come back to the board in the Fall to present plan.
- Waterfront Commission reported by Eldon Boes
  - Commission was briefed on the RiverRenew project.
- Earth Day Planning Committee – Eldon Boes
  - Attendance at the 2019 Earth Day was down significantly. Key players such as the City, ACPS, and EPC were not participating as well as expected.
  - A written proposed partnership agreement had just been received from ACPS for City and EPC's consideration.
  - Jim Kapsis requested that Eldon write a post-mortem report and emphasize areas for improvement.
- Transportation Commission reported by Praveen Kathpal
  - The EPC sent a letter to the Traffic and Parking Board in support of the alternative 3 of the Seminary Road Complete Street project.
- EW/LVD Advisory Group reported by Reid Sherman
  - The Group was briefed on the Greenhill South development and the status of the Virginia Paving SUP.
- River Renew Stakeholder Advisory Group reported by Geoff Goode
  - Next meeting will be on June 20.
  - Advisory Group is awaiting the Environmental Assessment report.
- PYMIG reported by Chair Kathpal
  - PYMIG held meeting last week and discussed merits of the three alternatives for South entrance to the Metrorail.
  - Third alternative appeared to be preferred by the public and PYMIG but it is expensive. Staff will come back next meeting to present further analysis.
- Green Building Policy Update Task Force – Jim Kapsis
  - There are still 3 areas of divergence between EPC and staff: 1) EAP 2030 target of new buildings to be carbon neutral by 2030 being omitted in the EAP 2040; 2) FTE re green building – Staff wants it to be a budget item while the EPC wants it to be an action as part of EAP 2040; and 3) Staff is pushing incentives for green building to mid term while EPC wants to move it to short term.
  - Brendan will review staff response to the EPC letter to the Planning Commission.
- AHAAC-EPC Subcommittee Meeting – Craig berry
  - In April meeting, AHAAC expressed concerns about increased cost of green buildings might negatively impact on affordable housing in the City.
  - Need to have 1-2 objectives for next year.

#### **EPC Annual Elections – Conducted by Geoff Goode**

- Chair – There was one nomination and Praveen Kathpal was unanimously voted to be Chair for the FY2020.

- Vice-Chair – There was no nomination, although Praveen nominated Jim Kapsis as interim Vice-Chair until the EPC retreat. Jim accepted the nomination and pointed out that he would like the EPC to appoint a permanent Vice-Chair for FY20. The EPC voted unanimously to appoint Jim Kapsis as interim Vice-Chair until the EPC retreat on September 14.
- Secretary – Two EPC members self-nominated for this position. EPC voted to appoint Michael Kulas as Secretary for FY2020.
- Earth Day Panning Committee Chair – Eldon Boes had previously notified the EPC that he did not want to continue as Chair of this committee. Since there was no nomination at this meeting, this position remains vacant for now.

### **FY2020 EPC Calendar**

- There are no EPC meetings during July and August.
- As proposed by the Chair, EPC voted to eliminate all work sessions, with the only exception for September 9 work session to plan for the EPC Annual Retreat.
- The Annual Retreat will be on September 14 at the TC Williams Minnie Howard Campus, to be followed by the picnic to be held at the Fort Ward Park, Area 2.
- The staff proposed meeting dates were approved. Following the meeting, staff changed the January meeting date from January 13 to January 27 due to space availability.

### **EAP Retreat**

- The Chair mentioned the EPC priorities including the 2020 City legislative package, the budget, and objectives for FY2020.
- Praveen provided a proposed outline for how the EPC should be divided into sub-groups that would work closely with staff to monitor progress in various sections of the EAP2040:
  - Climate/Energy – Reid/Geoff
  - Green building/Open Space/Land Use – Brendan/Mike/Leslie
  - Transportation – Carolyn/Eldon/Reid
  - Water/Waste – Geoff/Leslie
  - Communication/Implementation/Matrix – Praveen
  - Environmental Health/Air Quality – was not mentioned by Praveen at the meeting.
- Praveen will put in further thoughts and elaborate these in a separate email to EPC members.

### **EAP Phase 2 Update**

- EPC would like to know if the complete EAP2040 document having all sections and including the green building and open space sections, would be voted by Council on July 9.
- Ellen clarified that EAP adoption vote for the complete EAP 2040 will occur on July 9 and no vote will occur on June 22.
- Staff to find out and share with the EPC when EAP actions will be started to meet the completion dates in EAP.

- Staff to find out timing for the 2020 legislative package.
- Ellen to provide a list of 2021 EAP budget items from EAP 2040.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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