

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
June 21, 2010 Meeting

**EPC Members in Attendance**

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Khoa Tran, Steve Chozick, Lalit Sharma, Bob Custard

**Begin 7:35 PM**

**Public Comment**

None

**GIS Presentation**

- Steve Chozick, from the GIS Division of Planning & Zoning provided an overview of current GIS efforts in the City. There are currently 6 GIS staff, a division workplan and a steering committee that manages projects.
- An Eco-City map series is in development, 4 of 10 planned maps are complete. Efforts to map the 2010 tree canopy should be complete by the end of the year and will be compared to 2007 data. Safe Routes to School and walkability are also being analyzed.
- Steve provided a demonstration of the "Sustainable Sites" tool which may help developers and City staff find parcels in the city that would qualify for credits under LEED ND due to density, amenities, etc. that can be shown in map layers.
- The GIS team does have interns and could consider teaming with VA Tech graduate students to address more EAP areas.

**Eco-Friendly Restaurant Expo**

- Bob confirmed the expo will take place on Tuesday, 9/28 at Lee Center (8:30-11:30). The event will have exhibitors, but also discussion facilitators at each table to focus on certain topics (healthy food, energy use, marketing).
- Bob requested assistance from EPC on marketing, identifying participants, and developing a recognition/certification system for green restaurants.
- A similar event is being considered for winter to focus on hotels, likely as a joint event with Arlington.
- Bobby volunteered to serve as the EPC lead to work with Bob's other advisory groups in planning the event. EPC agreed it will be extremely difficult to develop a restaurant certification program in time for the event, but we could do research to identify existing systems we would be willing to endorse.

**EPC Outreach**

- Jessica highlighted the new Arlandria/Four Mile Run farmers market (Sundays) as a new opportunity for outreach. EPC agreed to rotate around Del Ray, Market Square and Arlandria markets with the intent of having a table at one market a month.
- Peter also reserved space for EPC at the City birthday festival on July 10. Jen and Peter will staff the table.

- Peter provided an overview of the recent meeting on volunteer project ideas, also attended by Jen, Scott and Phil. The intent is to work with key City staff to develop clear areas that would benefit from citizen volunteers and target recruitment, possibly with a special event in the fall.

### **FY2011 Elections**

- The results of the FY11 elections are as follows:
  - o Chair: Jennifer Hovis
  - o Vice-Chair: Jessica Bayliss Brown
  - o Secretary: deferred to next meeting
  - o Earth Day Committee Chair: Peter Pennington
  - o Four Mile Run Joint Task Force: Kurt Moser
  - o Mirant Community Monitoring Group: Peter Pennington

### **Staff and Committee Updates**

- Lalit provided an update on the TMDL process for Holmes Run, Hunting Creek and Cameron Run (all are listed as impaired due to bacteria). Reduced loading from point sources, CSOs and wildlife are necessary.
- A public meeting will be held June 30, with public comment until July 30. If the TMDLs are not met, the City could be fined by EPA and placed on a compliance schedule. Eliminating the CSOs in the City would help, but would not address the entire situation.
- The draft Phase II report is being reviewed by the City and Mirant. The City agrees with the engineer's recommendations regarding the bag houses and found no surprises in the report. The report will be on the June 22 Council docket with a recommendation that Council adopt the engineer's recommended improvements.

### **Administrative Items**

- May 17 and June 7 minutes were approved with minor edits.
- Kurt provided a Four Mile Run Joint Task Force update via email prior to the meeting, and brought the poster showing the 60% design plans.
- Peter reported that waterfront planning is moving forward with general concepts.
- Jen committed to drafting the FY10 annual report in July, at which point Scott will contribute information on the indicators.
- Jen committed to checking availability at Fort Ward for the annual picnic in August.

### **Adjourn 9:30 PM**