

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
 July 12, 2010 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran

Begin 7:35 PM

Public Comment

- None

Staff & Committee Updates

- Jennifer and Jessica began their first meeting as chair and vice chair respectively and welcomed Patrick Brennan and Rebecca Jablon to the EPC.
- Jennifer asked for someone willing to be Secretary and take minutes during the meetings. Patrick and Rebecca offered to switch off and take minutes every other week.

Administrative Items

- The annual picnic was determined to be August 14, 2010 from 12-2 pm at Fort Ward. The Earth Day Committee and the City Council will be invited to join us.
 - o Jennifer will organize the guest list. Scott volunteered to work on coordinating the food, and would appreciate an additional volunteer to help him.
- The calendar was discussed, including the retreat. The retreat is tentatively scheduled for the morning of September 25th.
 - o Jennifer and Khoa will discuss the location.
- Laura volunteered to man a table July 18th at the Arlandria Market with Jennifer.

EAP Implementation

- Jennifer went through the priorities from last year's retreat.
- Jennifer and Jessica asked whether outreach at farmer's markets is beneficial. It was determined that it is, and that it would be easier to gain volunteers if a schedule was drawn up. Jessica will send out a schedule.
 - o Danielle suggested that a handout be developed in order to facilitate outreach.
 - o Jessica is putting together a slideshow.
 - o Patrick suggested that the EPC develop a message: here is what you can do in everyday life to reduce your impact – simple things like turning off the lights and pledging to take transit could be included.
 - o Peter suggested organizing an event inviting as many interested individuals as possible, and invite city officials as well. The purpose of the event is to explain to them where we are on the EAP and see where or how they would like to volunteer.
 - Please let Peter know if you would like to help organize the event.
 - The event would be in September or October, contingent on when City Council is available.

- Khoa will talk to Jesse about possibly tapping into his network of Earth Day volunteers.
- Since so many members have joined the committee since the EAP was developed, Jennifer suggested that the EPC review one principle a meeting to refresh and refocus our efforts.
 - Patrick suggested coordinating the principle discussion with the responsible person at the City.
- Wednesday October 6th is the Walk to School Day – Yon is arranging the event.
- Danielle stated she's going to push for a tree project this fall.
- EPC members split into two subgroups to work on key implementation issues. One group developed ideas for the Eco-City video and for new outreach opportunities; the second group developed ideas on the Green Business principle.

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