

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
July 18, 2011 Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Peter Pennington (Chair)	✓	Danielle Fidler	X	Kurt Moser
✓	Jennifer Hovis	✓	Patrick Hagan	✓	Phil Voorhees
✓	Heather Schaefer	✓	Scott Barstow	✓	Geoffrey Goode
✓	Bobby Croghan	X	Laura Medhurst	✓	Rebecca Jablon

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

Begin 7:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Peter welcomed Heather to her first meeting as a member of the EPC

Public Comment

- None

Green Business Initiative

- Bobby presented what's been accomplished thus far including a summary of his discussions with ACVA, copies of potential logos, the potential process for receiving recognition for green certification and the spreadsheet showing a sampling of certifications that are available to different types of businesses.
 - o The program would be recognized under ACVA and supported by Eco-City, and can be advertised as such.
 - o It was clarified that the initiative is looking at operations of businesses and not the buildings themselves
 - o Bobby suggested that the EPC subgroup could review each applicant. However, others suggested that the ACVA should do so.
 - o The goal is to eventually enable the ACVA to take ownership over the program, and the EPC will serve as an informal advisor
 - o A question raised was whether the program would involve an annual or periodical recertification
 - o The timeframe is to get the process set by September, when the ACVA is revamping its website
 - o Bobby, Heather, Phil and Rebecca will work to iron out the process
 - o It was suggested that Bobby touch base with Laura on any work that she may have done on green certification

EPC Calendar – FY 2012

- There will be no work session in September
- The calendar as proposed passed

Other Events

- August EPC Picnic: The picnic will be at Fort Ward park, from 11 – 2 (though EPC members were asked to arrive at 10 to help set up)
 - o Jennifer stated all are welcome, and it is a potluck – Jennifer will send out an email asking folks to bring specific items.

- Jennifer asked for help with the grilling
- Peter stated that this picnic is a way to say thank you for all who worked with and helped the EPC achieve its goals over the past year
 - Peter asked that if EPC members would like to invite anyone currently not on the list, to please let him know
- EPC Retreat: The retreat is scheduled for September 10th, and Peter is in the process of seeing if City Council members can attend
 - The agenda for the retreat is being developed
 - Peter is in discussions with a potential speaker to start the day off
 - The purpose is to look at the next 12 months to five years as to the direction the Council is headed and where the EPC is headed
 - Peter will coordinate with Khoa and Bill on the location
 - The retreat attendance is estimated to be approximately 20-25 people

Reports and Approval

- Minutes: The minutes from June 20th were approved
- Chair's July report:
 - Peter asked for ideas for the next 6-9 months at the EPC
 - It was suggested doing a cycle of tours at Mirant, a stormwater tour, etc. The tour is educational and allows for discussion on applicable issues
 - Heather volunteered to work with Khoa and Bill to set the tour cycle up over the winter
 - The tour could be combined with a work session or meeting
 - Another suggestion was to alternate meeting locations around the city to offer opportunities for residents who don't live near City Hall to attend more conveniently
 - Peter will look into that possibility
 - Peter asked for EPC members' thoughts on making a set time slot for presentations, so as to avoid, as much as possible, members coming in late during a presentation.
 - It was agreed that meetings should continue to begin at 7:30 pm, and all presentations to begin at 7:45 pm.
 - Bobby plans to continue to attend Del Ray's 1st Thursdays, but is looking for a better spot for the table. Heather volunteered to help

Adjourn 9:35 PM