

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
November 1, 2010 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Erica Bannerman, Bill Eger

Begin 7:35 PM

Public Comment

- None

City Recycling Program Update, Stacy Herring

- The City has put together a video on composting. It is up on the City's website and on Facebook.
- All of the City's facilities have recycling capability
- The City is tracking tonnage from the City's facilities. It's approximately 30 tons/year, mostly from the schools
- Multi-family developments must have a recycling plan, the City finds out about non-compliance mostly from tenants. The City will analyze the recycling efforts for one year and then potentially talk about instituting a fine.
- The rollout of nearly 2,800 curbside containers began today. In December the City will start exchanging bins for different sizes at homeowner's request.
- The yard waste recycling program was put in a supplemental budget request. The City is looking for a secondary site. The City is waiting to see if funding is available in order to begin this program.
- A pilot public recycling program is being considered for Del Ray.
- There are more requests for Special Events recycling bins from the City
- The City does not currently have the staff, funding and trucks to put public recycling bins on major thoroughfares or tourist spots.
- The State of Recycling in FY10 is on the Eco-City website and the City website.

Administrative Items

- Patrick B drafted a letter lending EPC support for the commercial real estate tax, tree care and maintenance, the open space fund, public recycling bins, and for the City to get a full-time sustainability coordinator.
 - o The letter was discussed and minor edits were suggested. Patrick will refine the letter and send it to Jennifer to sign and submit to the City for FY12 budget discussions.

Climate Change Action Plan Discussion

- A tentative schedule for the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan Adoption was discussed. January 24th is scheduled as the educational night meeting.
 - o Scott was not successful in reaching his JHU professors to get them to speak

- Many EPC comments on the Action Plan revolved around a feeling that the City is not forceful enough in its wording on the effects of climate change (i.e. sea level *may* rise). It was felt that more definitive statements are needed.
- In addition, the Action Plan records what the City has done, but not enough of what the public could do.
 - o Citizen actions that are already in the EAP should be included
 - o Erica requested concrete examples of tangible actions
 - Peter will gather a list together and send on to Erica and to the EPC

Staff and Committee Updates

- Outreach: Laura and Jennifer participated in the bike light handout. Nearly 300 good-quality lights were handed out to those who needed them.
- Peter announced the Wednesday meeting on Earth Day at 7 pm at the Lee Center. All are welcome.
- Danielle stated the Holmes Run tree planting went very well. About 10-12 people helped out and the trees were planted quickly.

Adjourn 9:50 PM