

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
December 5, 2011 Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak

Begin 6:50 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment

- None

Other Business Items

- Phil stated he could not attend the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting and asked if someone could attend in his place. Josh agreed to attend.
- Peter proposed that the next meeting begin early to run through the environmental charter and EAP with the newer members of the EPC. It was agreed that the next meeting will begin at 7 pm.
- Peter also proposed that the next meeting end early and that the EPC gather for food and drinks. He will arrange the location.
- It was announced that on December 8th, the Alexandria Transit Company (which runs DASH) is having a board meeting. One of their new hybrid buses will be parked outside City Hall. Peter proposed we have an EPC presence and asked for volunteers to contact him.
- Peter stated that Jefferson-Houston School is replacing its existing building. The design will be held to the highest environmental standards. He feels it's an opportunity to have a classroom dedicated to environmental issues that could be open to the community and could serve as a community resource.

Energy from Waste...The Sustainable Choice, Michael Renga, Business Manager, Covanta Energy Corporation

- Michael Renga gave a presentation on the Alexandria/Arlington Resource Recovery Facility's operations and sustainability strategies.
 - o The plant is an Energy-from-Waste facility, which reduces waste volumes by 90% compared to direct landfilling, reduces greenhouse gases, and generates clean energy from renewable fuel (i.e. trash)
 - o The power generated at the plant is sold to Dominion Power, and can power up to 20,000 homes continuously.
 - o It was noted that the Covanta facility in Alexandria uses 220 mg per year of potable treated water as coolant.
 - o The plant is currently in discussions with Arlington County and Alexandria to extend its lease/contract.

Tour of the Covanta Energy facilities

- Michael and his colleagues gave the EPC a tour of the facilities.

Adjourn 9:15 PM