

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
December 17, 2012 EPC Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Josh Sawislak (Chair)	X	Danielle Fidler	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Chinling Chen	X	Scott Barstow	✓	Geoffrey Goode
✓	Steve Walz	✓	Ryan Sloan	✓	Rebecca Jablon
✓	Ryan Wojtanowski	✓	Monica Starnes		

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran, Bill Eger

Begin 7:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Josh called the meeting to order and welcomed Jan MacPherson and Jon Trotta, local citizens, and Adrienne Fancher from AlexRenew.

Public Comments

- None

Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Project Update, Susan Gygi, PE, T&ES, Potomac Yard Projects Manager

- Susan gave an update regarding the status of the environmental impact statement (EIS) of potentially locating a metro station in the Potomac Yard area.
 - o Susan outlined the process to date and the described the alternatives being considered.
 - o Approximately half of the technical analyses are complete.
 - o The Draft EIS is scheduled for completion in Spring 2013, which will be followed by public hearing(s) and comments and the development of the Final EIS. A Record of Decision is anticipated in 2014.
 - o Public involvement and agency coordination is ongoing throughout the EIS process.
 - o If all goes well, the design/build process could then take approximately 30 months, completing in early 2017.
 - o Susan, or a project representative, will likely be back in early Spring to present to the EPC on project developments.

Draft Alexandria Housing Master Plan

- The plan focuses on how the City can strive to attract, incorporate and maintain affordable housing in the City.
- Housing demand is a driving force within the City and that it will change the way the City develops and grows. In order to ensure the City grows in a sustainable way, it is very important that the EPC reads, and comments on, the City's Housing Master Plan
- Josh asked that each EPC member take a look at the plan over the holidays and be prepared to discuss in January how the Environmental Action Plan can inform the Housing Master Plan.

Approval of Minutes and Other Administrative Matters

- Minutes from November 19th and December 3rd were approved, pending a correction – marking Geoff as present at the December 3rd meeting.

- Bill S. stated that the City is beginning to receive feedback on the CSO negotiation with the State.
 - o The dialogue between the City and the State is in regards to setting practical standards and requirements. T&ES would rather be exceeding the permit requirements, rather than struggling to comply.
 - o In early 2013, T&ES plans to inform the new City Council on the CSO and permitting issue.
 - o In addition, the City plans to continue its ongoing dialogue with the community.
- Rob Krupicka, newly elected state representative, hosted the incoming City Council at his home for an environmental discussion. Danielle and Josh attended, explaining the Eco-City Charter, the Environmental Action Plan and the EPC's overall goals.

Adjourn 8:45 PM