



**EPC Regular Meeting
Monday, December 17, 2018
7:30 – 9:30 PM**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Barstow
Praveen Kathpal
Reid Sherman
Geoff Goode
Carolyn Schroeder
Brendan Owens
Eldon Boes
Mike Kulas
Craig Berry
Leslie Jones
Jim Kapsis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sean Wilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Khoa Tran
Ellen Eggerton
Lisa Goldberg

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Environmental Policy Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Praveen Kathpal at 07:35 PM. A quorum of the membership was present.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Welcomed new members - Craig Berry and Mike Kulas

2. Administrative Items & Committee Reports

- Waterfront
- Alexandria Earth Day
 - Working with new team at ACPS
 - Expanding green transportation options
 - Organizing new ride connected with Earth Day

- Transportation
 - Survey going in this winter to collect public input on residential parking permitting
 - State is getting funds from VW settlements for electric buses
- EW/LVD Advisory Group
 - Held open house on the Landmark redevelopment site

3. City Revised Noise Ordinance – Staff Presentation

- In public outreach phase - Jan 9th and Jan 31st public outreach meetings
- Final draft of revised noise ordinance is being reviewed internally

4. EPC Chair’s Remarks

- Budget letter
- Adopt-a-block - request from citizens to re-adopt our block
 - Scott moved that we agree
 - Leslie seconds
 - Vote: unanimous approval
- EPC Elections
 - Proposing elections of Chair and Vice Chair on January 28 meeting
 - If any member is interested in running for chair or vice chair, let secretary (Elisabeth) know before next meeting. Term is for January 28 until end of June when annual elections will take place for FY20.
- Solar Freedom Bill Discussion:
 - City Staff Action: Ellen to follow up with City Legislative Director to check-in on response on solar freedom bill

5. Phase 2 EAP Update

- Feedback from steering committee meeting
 - Elizabeth Bennet Parker replacing John Chapman as liaison to commission and co-chair of the EAP Steering Committee
- Questions about public engagement period
- Open Space and Green Building studies happening in parallel to EAP Phase 2 Update
- Action: Praveen to reach out and request that this be a joint process on both open space and green building
- EPC should go to Planning Commission with recommendations
- Focus Area Volunteers
 - Craig - green building and air quality
 - Mike - open space and solid waste
- Climate change update: Agreed on 50% GHG reduction target by 2030
- Discussed renewables target to align. Modeling too sophisticated to be feasible
- Not reflected in latest draft
- Staff action - to be added to community energy section
- Includes transportation sector
- Recommendation: send summary of verbal discussion after meetings including follow up actions (best to come from staff)

- Green building update:
- Identify baseline so that we're incentivizing a higher bar
- Transportation: needs another meeting with staff
- Transportation, open space, water are behind
- Next steps:
 - Ellen to update workplan and schedule by this Friday
 - Small group meetings before the 14th
 - Commentary/edits before the 10th
 - Work session on the 14th (moved from the 7th)
 - Next draft on the 28th

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 09:33 PM.

The next meeting of the Environmental Policy Commission will be held 7:30 PM, January 28th.