

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
December 20, 2010 Committee Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Claudia Hamblin-Katnik

Begin 7:35 PM

Public Comment

- None

Update on Four Mile Run In-Stream Restoration Plan

- Claudia Hamblin-Katnik provided an update on the design plans for the in-stream restoration plan
- On January 26, there will be a Joint Task Force meeting (Alexandria and Arlington) to encourage public feedback on the plan. Geoff and/or Kurt will attend to represent EPC.
- The project is funded 55% by Federal funds; the total cost is estimated at \$7.5m, with \$2m still needed.
- The plan is intended to allow sediment to move downstream, recreate original wetlands (3-4 acres), and construct engineered logjams.
- Construction may start in mid-2012. Once the 100% design is complete (spring 2011), permits will be sought. Seasonal restrictions will apply to construction.
- Kurt raised some concerns about the pedestrian path through the wetlands, which may result in negative human impacts on the sensitive areas. Kurt also mentioned a recent news story discussing the possibility of a Georgetown University baseball stadium being built at Cora Kelly.

Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

- City staff have received the revised document from the consultant but have not yet had the opportunity to review it to see how EPC comments were addressed.
- The meeting with Department heads will hopefully occur in January, then the draft will go to the City Manager's office.
- The climate subgroup will continue to identify and reach out to possible speakers for the educational event EPC will host.
- Outreach will be essential – Facebook, printed ads, fliers, eNews, neighborhood groups, previous Eco-City participants. The two events will be promoted together.

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