

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
December 3, 2012 EPC Work Session

EPC Members in Attendance

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

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

Begin 7:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Josh called the meeting to order and welcomed Jan MacPherson, a local citizen, and Adrienne Fancher and Janelle Okorie from AlexRenew.

Public Comments

- None

Oronoco Outfall Remediation Project Update, Dan Imig, Civil Engineer III, Transportation & Environmental Services Department

- Oily wastes have been intermittently discharged into the Potomac River at the Oronoco Outfall site, located at the eastern end of Oronoco Street. The contamination source is a former manufactured gas plant facility located at the corner of Lee and Oronoco Streets.
- In 2000, the City entered Virginia's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) to remediate the site.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in December, 2012.
- Phase I of the project, construction of an in-situ groundwater treatment system, would take approximately four months to complete; Phase II, dredging of the impacted river sediment, will most likely begin in early 2014.

MWCOG's Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee's Proposed 2013-2016 Action Plan, Scott Barstow, EPC Member

- Scott brought before the EPC the Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee's Action Plan and the need to ensure the issue of climate change stays at a heightened level of importance.
- Steve is a member of the committee and gave an update on the committee's proceedings.
- Comments on the Action Plan are encouraged and welcomed until December 14th. All EPC members should send comments to Khoa by December 12th.

Beauregard SAP Update, Josh Sawislak, EPC Chair

- The advisory group has met approximately six times.
- Their role is to look at what developers are proposing and ensure it is consistent with the Small Area Plan.
- Josh is pushing for support of non-motorized transportation infrastructure and connectivity.

Updates from Commission Members and Staff

- Geoff gave a presentation to the Lynhaven Citizen's Association on November 5th, 2012. Geoff was thanked for giving the very first presentation the EPC has given to neighborhood groups.
 - o Geoff stated that it went well and explained that there was a lot of collective interest in the bikeshare program and the City workshops. The group was also appreciative of hearing information on the City's achievements.
 - o Geoff suggests that perhaps the City and the EPC could reach out to the group to include information (or links to information) in the Lynhaven monthly newsletter.
 - o Geoff will email out to the group a copy of the presentation.
 - o More presentations throughout the City are encouraged.
- Wales Alley letter: The Park and Recreation Commission revised the letter per EPC request.
- Public Health Commission's Respiratory Health Action Plan: Josh has had further discussion with the Public Health Commission Chair on their Action Plan, and confirmed with the EPC that their previous stance still stands. Josh will communicate the EPC position to the Public Health Commission chair.
- Earth Day: Chinling announced that the first Earth Day planning meeting was held on November 14, 2012, the next meeting will be held December 5, 2012.
 - o Earth Day will be held April 20, 2013, from 10 am to 2 pm.
 - o Registration for sponsors will be online this year
 - o Geoff recommended a proactive approach to soliciting nominations for the Ellen Pickering award – reaching out to select groups and individuals.
- GenOn PRGS Decommissioning Plan: Steve discusses the current status of the implementation of the plan, explaining that decommissioning is a multi-year process.
 - o On December 11, 2012, City Council will be passing a resolution to transition the Mirant Community Monitoring Group to a Potomac River Generating Station Monitoring Group.
 - o The new group will focus on the long-term future of the site.
- Jefferson Houston School: Bill explained that in broad terms, he was happy with the level of effort in examining sustainability issues for the new school building.
- A public meeting regarding the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan is scheduled for December 17, 2012, from 7 - 9 pm.
- Rob Kupricka, newly elected state representative, is hosting the incoming City Council at his home for an environmental discussion. Danielle and Josh will be attending.
- Danielle picked up from Peter Pennington, former EPC chair, information on the possibility of creating a small-scale nature center and community garden at George Washington Middle School. As she is stepping down at the end of the year, she would appreciate an EPC member taking the baton on this issue.
- Danielle will draft a letter of support regarding the expansion of Opower in Alexandria.

Adjourn 9:45 PM