

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes

February 24, 2014

City Hall, Room 2000

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Scott Barstow	✓	Jim Kapsis		
✓	Sam Gaugush	✓	Kathryn Mika		
✓	Susan Gitlin	X	Kurt Moser		
✓	Geoffrey Goode	✓	Monica Starnes		
✓	Patrick Holman	✓	Ryan Wojtanowski		

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Begin 7:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Kathryn Mika announced that she would be resigning from the EPC.
- Ryan Sloan and Steve Walz had previously announced their resignation from EPC by email.

Public Comments

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes for January 27, 2014, Regular Meeting were approved

Earth Day Planning Committee Update

- General concern was expressed regarding the pace of organizational activities previously discussed during EPC meetings, including photo/art submission process, greenhouse gas inventory, and a short eco-quiz. The logistics of voting in a photo/art contest were discussed.
- It was generally agreed that one of the events supported by EPC would involve a drawing of some sort, and that there would be outreach to exhibitors for possible prizes.
- With respect to the tree sale, Susan Gitlin warned about the need to watch out for the selling of invasive tree species at Earth Day, pointing out inconsistencies in city plans versus mid-atlantic region, etc.
- Jen Hovis will be speaking to EPC at the second March meeting to discuss EPC involvement in Earth Day. EPC members were informed to plan on committing to being there the entire day.

Staff and Commission Member Update

- Ryan Wojtanowski gave a brief update from the Waterfront Commission. Subsequent discussion focused on the concept of turning the 100 block of King Street into a pedestrian mall. Various

logistical issues with such a concept were discussed (e.g., emergency vehicle access, alcohol policy, etc.). Also discussed was the potential for a commuter ferry between National Harbor and Alexandria.

- Kathryn Mika reported on the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan meeting. The meeting went well and looks to encompass a very open process. The EPC representative suggested that sustainability be represented throughout the project scope, rather than a standalone focal point. This process will include the role of Covanta and quite a lot of public involvement.

Adjourn 7:30 PM (EPC Members attended the Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board Meeting, Council Chamber, City Hall)