



**Minutes**

**EPC MONTHLY MEETING**

**April 17, 2023**

**City Hall, Conference Room 2000**

**[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)**

**7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

**Attendance**

<b>EPC Members (13)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Dan Beattie	P	Felipe Ip, T&ES
Eldon Boes	P	Melissa Atwood, T&ES
Alexander Clark	P	Ryan Freed, OCA
Benjamin Cuddy	P	
Jennifer Debias	P	
Cynthia Elliott	P	
Oleksandr Faryga	PR	<b>Guests</b>
Kathie Hoekstra, Chair	P	Yohanes Endeshaw
Anna Marino (non-voting)	P	Alisa Wong
Michael Olex, Vice-Chair	E	Nicole
Theresa Romanosky	P	
Marta Schantz	P	
James Vandeputte	P	

**P:** Present; **PR:** Present Remotely; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent – Excused; **N:** Not a Member

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kathie Hoekstra called meeting to order that was followed by introductions for all attendees.

**2. Public Comment**

Yohanes Endeshaw introduced himself and his work: Wants to create a website to write blogs and create videos to promote Clean Alexandria using digital marketing skills. Came to meeting to see how he can align content with EPC environmental messaging.

**3. Administrative Items**

**a) Meeting Minutes**

Vote on March 20, 2023 meeting minutes for approval. **Motion:** Mr. Dan Beattie; **Second** = Mr. Benjamin Cuddy; **Vote:** Unanimous approval, with Ms. Cynthia Elliott

abstaining because she was not present at the last meeting. Ms. Anna Marino is not a voting member for this meeting.

#### **b) Reports from Commissioners**

- Report from Chair Kathie Hoekstra: The Zebra is designating 2 pages to environmental topics. They asked the Beautification Commission and EPC to write a couple short articles for submission. Topics include: Thermal Camera check out from Library, Samuel Madden Net Zero Housing, EPC Retreat, Support Letters written for DASH and charging stations.
- Taylor Run Meetings (Mr. Michael Olex): IEN prepared a report capturing alternatives that was sent to City staff for non-substantive review prior to IEN finalizing the report that will be presented to City Council in June.
- Transportation Commission (Mr. Oleksandr Faryga): Commission is going to DASH facility on Wednesday. Commissioners should send questions about DASH operations, future electric bus purchases, etc and he will have them addressed.
- Waterfront Commission (Mr. Eldon Boes): Last meeting, most discussions were on municipal improvement services district.
- Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award Selection team (Ms. Cynthia Elliott): Recipient has been selected and award will be presented on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Del Ray GardenFest.
- Inflation Reduction Act (Mr. Dan Beattie): USDA issued a notice of funding opportunity for the Urban Community Forestry Program of \$1.5 billion in grant amounts that range from \$200,000 to \$50 million. Wanted to make sure City staff were aware. Will send Melissa the link to pass information to RPCA.

#### **c) Approval of Letter of Support for On-Route Electric Transit Bus Opportunity Chargers & Approval of Letter of Support for the City's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Application**

**Motion to approve both letters of support:** Ms. Marta Schantz; **Second** = Ms. Jennifer Debias; **Vote:** Unanimous approval from voting members.

#### **4. Discuss Retreat Topics and Logistics**

Reviewed draft agenda topics and timeline. Once agenda is complete, Chair Hoekstra will invite City Council and the City Manager. Discussions included clarification on what EPC would like the Office of Climate Action to present; budget – operating and CIP; what the City is already doing that is climate related; possible funds and grants the City could

get to supplement budget and grant writing resources; reviewing budget with climate lens; EAP2040 status updates, connecting initiatives to budget and priorities, focus on Energy, Buildings, and Transportation (and implementation/outreach).

Upcoming events: ALX Dog Walk April 29<sup>th</sup>, EPC retreat May 6<sup>th</sup>, Group Bike Ride April 30<sup>th</sup> to Green Businesses.

## 5. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ms. Theresa Romanosky; **Second:** Ms. Marta Schantz; **Vote:** unanimous approval from voting members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

## FY2023 Attendance

Member	Sep 19, 2022	Oct 17, 2022	Nov 21, 2022	Dec 19, 2022	Jan 10, 2023	Jan 23, 2023	Jan 30, 2023	Feb 27, 2023	March 20, 2023	Apr 17, 2023	TOTALS
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
Marta Schantz	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	77.8%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	88.9%
Benjamin Cuddy	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	66.7%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	100.0%
Cynthia Elliott	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	77.8%
Oleksandr Faryga	P	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	66.7%
Dan Beattie	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	88.9%
Theresa Romanosky			P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	71.4%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100.0%
James Vandeputte									P	P	100.0%
Anna Marino										P	100.0%