

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

May 2, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Green Acres Community Center (Room 110)

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to order and welcome**

Meeting called to order by Chair member Tim Killian at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

| Type               | Name            | Attendance |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Member, Vice Chair | Adam Basinger   | Present    |
| Member             | Mark Chandler   | Present    |
| Member             | Susan Crate     | Absent     |
| Member             | Judy Fraser     | Present    |
| Member, Chair      | Timothy Killian | Present    |
| Member             | Bruce Knight    | Present    |
| Member             | Michael Lee     | Present    |
| Member             | Alice Lippert   | Present    |
| Member             | Toby Sorensen   | Present    |
| Student Liaison    | Marianna Lipold | Present    |
| Staff              | Stefanie Kupka  | Present    |
| Staff              | Anna McLernon   | Present    |
| Guest              | Paula Kaplan    | Present    |

**2. Consideration of the April 4, 2018 meeting minutes**

Toby Sorensen moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Alice Lippert and carried unanimously.

**3. Renewable Energy Program: PPA Overview Presentation**

Jeremy Scharfenberg, Energy Manager at Columbia Association, presented on their community's renewable energy program and gave an overview of power purchase agreements (PPAs). They participate in a 2MW solar PPA through aggregate net metering. The solar PPA provides approximately 25% of their total energy consumption. Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) are used to balance their electricity supply.

**4. Event Updates**

- Earth Day: The Earth Day event was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Daniels Run Elementary School.

- Arbor Day: The Arbor Day event was held at 1pm on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Fairfax High School, where the school planted a Pin Oak.
- GMU Climate Change lecture: On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Professor Jim Kinter, Director of Mason's Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies (COLA), had a lecture and discussion on the effects of climate change on Virginia.

#### **5. FY2018 ESC Funding: Spending Strategy Discussion**

The ESC discussed potential options for how the remaining FY18 budget could be spent. The ESC will continue to research options/pricing and vote on the final purchases in June.

#### **6. Development Review Update**

- Paul VI: The public meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. The ESC discussed potentially submitting comments to the Mayor and City Council.

#### **7. Chairperson's Items**

- Chair and Vice-Chair elections scheduled for June.

#### **8. Committee Items**

- Judy: She recommends that City of Fairfax schools shouldn't use herbicides and pesticides on school property, noting that Fairfax County prohibits herbicides on school property. She is advocating for City schools and the City to adopt an integrated pest management plan.
- Mariana: She noted that she's graduating from Fairfax High School this year. She is looking to recruit another student to take over as the ESC's student liaison. Members of the committee thanked her for her service.

#### **9. Staff items**

- Solarize NOVA: An information session is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at High Side. The Solarize campaign will run through the end of May.
- Bike to Work Day: The City of Fairfax will have a pit stop at Old town square on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- The City is planning to implement a pilot composting program.
- A budget memo (#15) was submitted by David Summers and Cathy Salgado which is requesting to add an Urban Forester position.

#### **10. Public comments**

- Paula Kaplan: She noted that invasive plants are killing the trees in Mosby Woods. She recommends that the City and community should take action to remove invasive plants. The committee discussed potentially setting up an invasive management program and coordinating with Fairfax County.

#### **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is June 6th, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

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