

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

March 6, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Historic Blenheim Center

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair member Alice Lippert at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member, Acting Vice Chair	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Absent
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Acting Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
High School Liaison	Katie Lau	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Rob McRaney, Viridiant	Present
Visitor	Val Morgan	Present
Visitor	Pete Naka	Present
Visitor	Liz Welborn	Present
Visitor	Mr. Welborn	Present

2. Consideration of the Feb 6, 2019 meeting minutes

Meeting minutes were not available for review and will be considered for approval at the next ESC meeting.

3. Green Building Certification Programs Presentation

- Guest speaker: Rob McRaney, Viridiant

One of the high priority actions identified in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan is to “Develop a green building policy that establishes green building standards and incentives for both private and public sector construction and major renovations”. One of the first steps in developing a green building policy is to conduct research on existing and pertinent green building programs. To help with this, Rob McRaney, a representative from [Viridiant](#) (formerly EarthCraft Virginia),

came to the ESC meeting to present an overview of the EarthCraft certification program (a program that serves the Southeastern US) and other green building programs (e.g. LEED, Energy STAR, etc.).

4. ESC Annual Report Check-in

The ESC discussed the status of the development of the 2018 ESC Annual Report. ESC members will work to develop a draft version of the report prior to the April ESC meeting.

5. FY 2020 City Manager's Proposed Budget Presentation Update

The City Manager presented a proposed draft budget on 2/26. Some sustainability related items that are in the proposed budget include funding for a LED streetlight conversion project, composting program, recycling education, and urban forestry management plan. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for March 12th and 26th.

6. Event Update

- Arbor Day: Toby has meet with Principal Hanna and Faiza Alum. The City's Arbor Day event will be merged with a special program being held at Lanier Middle School, to celebrate an Environmental Stewardship Award on April 24th.
- Earth Day: The City will hold an Earth Day event on April 28th at Daniels Run Elementary School from 2:30 – 5pm. The City is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

7. Chairperson's Items

- None

8. Committee Items

- Mark recommended that the City pursue a growth award from the Arbor Day foundation.
- Katie Lau provided an update on the Feb 16th invasive removal project. They removed invasive species by the vernal pool at Daniels Run Elementary. GMU students recorded a video of the project which will be shared with the ESC. Footage from this video could be used to promote upcoming invasive removal events.
- Toby noted that the school board will be having a meeting to discuss environmental projects.

9. Staff items

- Development Review Process: The ESC reviewed the draft final development review process document and recommended that hyperlinks should be added instead of writing out the entire website address. The document will be edited accordingly. Judy Fraser moved to adopt the development review procedure as amended, seconded by Tim Killian and carried unanimous.
- ESC Email Address Discussion: The ESC approved creating a new public facing email address, which the public could email with questions. The new email address will

be ESCInformation@fairfaxva.gov. The email distribution list for that email address will include the ESC Chair and ESC staff liaison.

- Staff will provide an overview of FOIA rules and procedures pertaining to advisory committees at the April ESC meeting.
- The City is holding another Solarize City of Fairfax campaign, which will run from April 16th to June 14th.
- The 2019 Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct 12th. The ESC informed staff that they'd like to submit an application for a booth.

10. Public comments

- Pete Naka: He has been advocating for FCPS to install solar on Fairfax City schools. He has been meeting with Dr. Pajardo, Dr. Noonan and solar vendors to discuss solar projects. He noted that the federal solar tax rebate of 30% ends in 2019 and will decline after that. He is also planning to work with Fairfax High School to improve recycling collection at sporting events.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is April 3rd, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

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