

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

May 1, 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	Absent
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Acting Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
High School Liaison	Katie Lau	Absent
Guest	Valerie Morgan	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present

2. Consideration of the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes

Judy moved to adopt the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Toby and carried unanimously.

3. Finalize ESC Annual Report

The committee agreed to finalize the 2018 annual report as presented and submit it to the Mayor and City Council.

4. City Council Work Session Planning

The committee discussed potential dates for a work session with the Mayor and City Council. They agreed to schedule the work session for June 4th if enough members were available to attend that date. If not, they will plan to schedule a work session on September 3rd.

5. FY19 ESC Budget

The ESC discussed the FY19 budget and potential items for purchase. The committee approved the purchase of the following items: 10 Arbor Day Foundation Tree Board Handbooks; 55 Plant NOVA Natives Guidebooks; and a tablecloth for events.

6. Event Update and Upcoming Events

The ESC discussed the following past events and identified lessons learned.

- Arbor Day Event (April 24th): The Arbor Day event was successful and well attended. Since the event was merged with the Lanier Middle School's Eco-Schools Award Ceremony, there were many attendees and reporters. The ESC agreed to keep the event simple next year by planting only one tree and incorporating an educational component.
- Earth Day (April 28th): The Earth Day event was held at Daniels Run Elementary School. The event went well and there was a good turnout of volunteers and attendees. The ESC recommended improving advertising next year by adding signage on Old Lee Hwy and improving information on the City's website and calendar.

Stefanie noted the following upcoming events:

- Tour De Solar: May 11th, Meet at Fairfax City Hall at 9:30am
- Solarize NOVA Information Session: May 15th, Old Town Hall, 7pm
- Bike to Work Day: May 17th, Pit Stop at Old Town Square

7. Subcommittee Updates

- Tree Subcommittee: The ESC discussed reviewing the four Tree City USA standards and evaluating the activities listed as part of the Tree City USA Growth Award program.

8. Chairperson's Items

- None

9. Committee/Student Representative Items

- Judy recommends that City should conduct outreach and education on the status of glass recycling in the region. She also requested an update on the actions the City has completed for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

10. Staff items

- ESC Elections will be held at the June 2019 meeting
- VML has cancelled the 2019 Green Government Challenge
- The July ESC meeting will be rescheduled due to vacation conflicts. A new meeting date and location will be shared with the committee when it's finalized.

11. Public comments

- None

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is June 5th, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

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