

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

January 12, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center, Art Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

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

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Adam Basinger	Present
Member	Jon Buttram	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Absent
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Jessica Lavendar	Present
Guest	Marianna Lipold, Fairfax High School Liaison	Present
Guest	Tom Conner	Present

2. Consideration of the December 2, 2015 meeting minutes

Jon Buttram moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Judy Fraser, which carried unanimously.

3. CY 2016 Staff Projects Overview

Stefanie provided information on projects, applicable to the ESC, which City staff will be working on in 2016.

- Comprehensive Plan: The City will be kicking off the development of a new Comprehensive Plan this winter. The APA Sustaining Places and STAR framework will be used to assist with incorporating sustainability into the Comprehensive Plan
- STAR Leading Indicators Pilot Project: The City will be participating in the STAR Leading Indicators pilot project. Sustainability data will be submitted to STAR in March 2016. Results from the pilot are planned to be reported in Oct 2016. 100 cities are expected to participate in the pilot.
- Solarize NoVA: the City will be participating in the Solarize NOVA spring campaign (March 1st through June 30th)

- Workplace and Neighborhood Sustainability Challenges: The City will be kicking off the challenges Spring/Summer 2016, which will encourage and recognize residents and businesses for being green, healthy, and involved in the community.
- Sustainable Procurement “Playbook”: In collaboration with other cities, staff is working to develop a sustainable procurement “*Playbook*”, which will include analytical tools, best practices, implementation tips, and recommendations to help prioritize and then pursue sustainable purchasing opportunities that maximize environmental, health and economic benefits in major purchasing categories.
- Stormwater Projects: The City won a \$1.3 million grant for stream restoration from Keith Ave to 123. Public outreach meetings will be held to help with outreach and education.
- Events: The following events are scheduled: Rain Barrel Workshop 4/16, Earth Day Program 4/22 (tentative), and the Fall Festival (10/08)
- Waste reduction and recycling efforts (dependent on proposed Solid Waste and Recycling position)

4. Annual Report

The ESC discussed the draft 2015 Annual Report and identified projects and topics they are interested in pursuing in 2016 as part of their 2016 Work Plan. The 2016 Work Plan is summarized below:

There are certain key activities inherent in the ESC charter and in consideration of our support to the City’s Sustainability Coordinator that will be on our agenda for 2016. These activities involve items that continue to be and will likely always be recurring on our yearly work plan such as support of school environmental programs at all of the City schools, reviewing and commenting on land use and development proposals, and providing recommendations for the General Assembly legislation package (e.g., reduction or elimination of bottled water and plastic shopping bags).

In addition, the ESC expects to be involved in several new activities and initiatives on the City calendar for 2016. The ESC plans to play a role on the Advisory Committee for integrating sustainability into the City Comprehensive Plan. We will support the implementation of the *Workplace and Neighborhood Sustainability Challenges*, *Sustainability Procurement “Playbook”* and *STAR Leading Indicators Pilot Project* grant initiatives. In addition, we plan to support the implementation of Solid Waste Management Plan including the hiring of a Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator.

In 2016 the ESC plans to address the following environmental and sustainability priorities:

- Increase understanding and awareness of the City’s natural resources
- Current and future stormwater management actions and policies
- City adoption and implementation of an invasive plant species management plan
- Identify opportunities to educate citizens on energy, environmental and sustainability issues
- Identify multi-modal transportation opportunities within the City
- Determine impact of VDEQ revised aboveground storage tank regulations on fuel storage

tanks in the City

- Support solid waste and recycling program implementation within the City

5. Work Session with Mayor and City Council – February 2nd, 7pm

The ESC discussed the agenda and presentation for the work session with the Mayor and City Council. Stefanie noted that the annual report, agenda and presentation (if created), needs to be submitted to her by 1/25.

6. Center For Watershed Protection Webinar Discussion “The Role of Local Codes”

The discussion was postponed until the February meeting.

7. Chairperson’s items

Tim noted that there are two open positions on the ESC.

8. Committee items

- Mark – He is interested in providing outreach/education assistance with the Accotink Creek stream restoration project.
- Tim/Judy- Requested that we invite the city’s Stormwater Engineer to an upcoming meeting to provide information on upcoming stormwater projects, discuss the type of bmps found in the City and give an overview of the stormwater items in the FY17 budget .
- Marianna – She is working on researching pesticide sprays which will be used on seedlings they will be planting. The Green Club will be presenting to school board (scheduled Jan).
- Jon – Faiza Alam, Special Education Science Teacher at Lanier Middle School came to speak to the School Board. She has a project idea to build a green roof. She is working with Kelly O’Brien on a smart growth design project, using Kamp Washington as an example. Jon wants to put together a guideline for ESC school “grants”. He noted that they’re looking for volunteers to judge a science fair on 1/23 from 7am to 12pm.

9. Staff items

Stefanie noted that the FY17 budget schedule and proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget is online at <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/finance/budget>. The ESC will have until the last public hearing on 4/27 to provide feedback and guidance on the FY17 budget.

10. Public comments

None

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is February 3, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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