

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

February 3, 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	Absent
Member	Jon Buttram	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Frank Linton	Present
Guest	Heather Smith	Present

**2. Consideration of the January 12, 2016 meeting minutes**

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

**3. Discussion about the Work Session with Mayor and City Council on February 2nd**

Tim Killian gave an overview of the work session with the Mayor and City Council. Feedback received from the Council was discussed.

- Councilwoman Miller had recommended that we reach out at students at St. Leos and include them in the Earth Art Show.
- The Council voiced interest in the development of an invasive management plan and conducting an invasive plant inventory for the City. Jon Buttram agreed to take the lead in researching ways the ESC could provide support/guidance.
- Councilman Meyer recommended that the ESC could manage an award program similar to the award program managed by Community Appearance Committee that would recognize residents for being sustainable. The ESC decided to look into a starting an award program. Mark Chandler agreed to take the lead in conducting research for this effort. Ideas regarding the award programs are as followed:



Based on the mind map and discussion, the ESC’s work plan priorities are summarized in the table below.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Education and Awareness	<p>Increase understanding and awareness of the City’s natural resources</p> <p>Identify opportunities to educate citizens on energy, environmental and sustainability issues</p>	Earth Art Show
		Parks & Rec Earth Day Program
		4th of July Parade
		Communication - City Scene Articles, City Alert, Social Media, etc
		Fall Festival
		Speakers Series
		Awards Program
		Invite staff from the Department of Energy to upcoming ESC meeting to discuss programs available to communities
		Schools - ESC grants
		Schools - Green Schools Report
		Solarize NOVA
Sustainability Challenges		
Stormwater Management	Current and future stormwater management actions and policies	Invite Christina Alexander to upcoming ESC Meeting
		Assist with Stream Restoration Project
Invasive Plant Management Plan	City adoption and implementation of an invasive plant species management plan	Invite Cathy Salgado, Parks and Recreation Director, to an upcoming ESC Meeting to discuss invasive plant management
		Coordinate a joint meeting with PRAB
Above Ground Storage Tanks	Determine impact of VDEQ revised aboveground storage tank regulations on fuel storage tanks in the City	Invite Andrew Wilson to upcoming ESC meeting to provide information on the tank farm
		Look into Virginia regulatory review, background and depth of knowledge
		Determine Long Term Plan of tank farm
Solid Waste & Recycling	Support solid waste and recycling program implementation within the City	Support hiring of Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator
		Review and support the Solid Waste Management Plan

Topic	Description	Actions
Comprehensive Plan	Act as advisory committee to the City of Fairfax on the development of the new Comprehensive Plan. Provide guidance and feedback on incorporating sustainability throughout the plan ( e.g. land use, energy, housing, infrastructure, natural resources, transportation, green buildings, stormwater management, resilient economy, equity, health, etc)	Invite Cindy Petkac, Planning Chief, to an upcoming ESC meeting to discuss the development of the new Comp Plan
		Invite Wendy, Transportation Director, to discuss the development of the transportation plan and charrette action items
		Review deliverables
		Provide feedback and guidance
Development Review	Review future development/redevelopment projects in support of the City's environmental and sustainability goals (e.g. land use, energy, natural resources, transportation, green buildings, stormwater management, etc)	Create Development Review Checklist
		Review and comment on select development projects in the City
ESC Funding		Allocate and spend budget by 6/30/16
Arborist		Support hiring an Arborist

## 6. Breezeway/Fairfax Gardens Redevelopment

Stefanie presented the land use plans for the Breezeway/Fairfax Gardens Redevelopment project to the ESC. The ESC accepted a copy of the plans and have agreed to review the project.

## 7. Chairperson's items

- None

## 8. Committee items

- None

## 9. Staff items

The Solarize NOVA program campaign is scheduled to run from March 15<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found at [www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org](http://www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org).

## 10. Public comments

- None

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is March 2nd, 2016 @ 7 p.m

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