

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

March 2nd, 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	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Annmarie Baribeau	Present
Guest	Betsy Bicknell	Present
Guest	David Houston, Blank Rome LLP	Present
Guest	Marianna Lipold	Present
Guest	Pat Rhodes, IDI	Present
Guest	Heather Smith	Present
Guest	Bill Zink, Christopher Consultants	Present

2. Consideration of the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes

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

3. Paul VI High School Property Redevelopment

Special guests David S. Houston, Blank Rome LLP; Pat Rhodes, IDI; and Bill Zink, Christopher Consultants attended the meeting to discuss the Paul VI property redevelopment.

The IDI Group was chosen by the Diocese of Arlington as the master developer for the redevelopment of the Paul VI school site in Fairfax. The private school on Fairfax Boulevard is moving to Loudoun County in 2019. The IDI Group has started working on a master plan with input from the community and city officials. IDI envisions multiple uses on the 18.5 acre site, including residential, retail, public open space, pedestrian connectivity and affordable housing. The site will go through an entitlement process, which will take at least a year, and then a site plan process, which will take another year.

An open meeting was held Feb 10th to get feedback from the community. Another meeting is planned for March 10th. A preliminary plan will be presented in the summer.

Members provided the consultants recommendations, such as incorporating innovative stormwater management to improve quality of streams; adding woodland type areas to improve the quality of pervious areas to help with stormwater runoff; rainwater capture; affordable housing; native plants; low impact design; green building standards; connectivity; solar energy; repurposing materials; water conservation; and building orientation that takes the nearby landscape and passive solar.

4. Avalon Fairfax City Development Review

Members discussed the Breezeway/Fairfax Gardens Redevelopment (Avalon Fairfax City) by Cooley LLC. A final discussion on the Applicant's 2nd submission drawings was held. Jon Buttram briefed members of the ESC on the review to date.

5. 2016 Work Priorities Plan

Discussion was postponed until the April 6th ESC meeting.

6. ESC Grant Process

Members discussed and approved the Lanier Middle School funding request of \$295.99.

7. Earth Art Show

The Earth Art Show is scheduled for April 4/16-4/30. Reception is scheduled for 4/27.

8. Zoning Ordinance Update

Stefanie provided an update on the Zoning Ordinance rewrite. The comments received from the public, boards and commissions and the City Council are currently being incorporated by the consultant. The revised draft will be released and public hearings will be scheduled this spring.

9. Chairperson's items

No items

10. Committee items

No items

11. Staff items

- Solarize NOVA: March 15 – May 15th
 - Public Meetings are scheduled for April 11th (6pm, Sherwood Center) and May 2nd (6pm, Green Acres Center)
 - Looking for volunteers to place a yard sign on their properties
- Rain Barrel Workshop:
 - Saturday, April 16, 10:00am-12:00pm
 - Location: Cafeteria at Green Acres Center
 - Fee: \$55 per rain barrel

- At this workshop, you will build your own rain barrel as well as learn about the care and maintenance of your new rain barrel. This workshop is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Supplies and instructions provided. Register at: <http://nvwcd-velocitypayment-com.3dcartstores.com/>

12. Public comments

No comments

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is April 6th, 2016 @ 7 p.m.

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