

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 6th, 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 Vice chairman Bruce Knight 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	Absent
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Annmarie Baribeau	Present
Guest	Betsy Bicknell	Present
Guest	Marianna Lipold	Present
Guest	Peg Weis	Present

2. Consideration of the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes

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

3. Earth Day Program – Guest: Peg Weis, Parks and Recreation Department

Peg Weis gave an overview of the Earth Day Program which is being hosted by the City of Fairfax on April 22nd at Providence Park from 10am-12pm. The event will have the following tables/activities: create Eco-art sculptures, plant sunflowers, conduct a park clean-up, play a recycling game, learn about energy efficiency/Solarize NOVA, and learn about the City’s new Comprehensive plan.

4. Earth Art Show

The Earth Art Show is scheduled for April 4/16-4/29. An hour long reception is scheduled for 4/27. The show will be set up on Monday 4/18 at 6pm and taken down on Friday 4/29 at 5pm.

5. 2016 Work Priorities Plan and Budget

The committee members discussed the work priorities plan and budget.

- Judy Fraser requested \$500 of the ESC’s funding for a project to plant native plants at Historic Blenheim/Civil War Interpretive Center. The committee noted that this could be a demonstration area to show the community how an area can be improved with invasive plant removal and native plantings. Jon Buttram moved to provide \$200 to get things started with the project. Adam Basinger amended the motion to allocate \$500 for native plantings, which was approved unanimously. Jon Buttram requested a report for how the money was spent.

- Marianna Lipold requested funding to install water fountains that fit water bottles. Jon Buttram noted that there should be funding for that in the schools budget and that she should contact the Principal.
- Mark Chandler noted that the US Forest Service is willing to give a presentation on the iTree tools and that this presentation could be included in a new speaker series.

6. Breezeway/Fairfax Gardens Redevelopment

Jon Buttram noted that he received the new plans, just as he was about to submit the ESC's initial feedback on the project. The review will take some additional time due to the new information. Final ESC comments will be sent directly to the developer when ready.

Stefanie Kupka noted that the City developed a new tool that the public can use to track the status of development projects. <http://fairfaxva.gov/government/community-development-planning/development-review-projects-map>

The ESC plans to create a development review checklist. Bruce Knight requested staff to try to find the green building checklist developed by Chris Todd a few years ago to assist with the generation of the new checklist.

7. Chairperson's items

No items.

8. Committee items

- Marianna Lipold requested some more information from the ESC regarding the role of the high school liaison. The ESC provided the following feedback:
 - Act as a liaison between the Fairfax City student population and the ESC.
 - Bring any issues, suggestions or feedback to the ESC.
 - As the liaison, students can get skills and learn how the city works.
 - Bring perspective from a young point of view.
 - Give a short report at each meeting about actions the High School is taking regarding environmental sustainability.
 - Recruit your replacement, so that other students may have this opportunity.
- Judy Fraser noted that Prince William Wildflower Society is hosting a native plant sale on April 24th, www.plantnovanatives.com
- Marianna Lipold reported that the high school is working on making garden boxes and planting native plants. Volunteers will work on the garden over the summer.

9. Staff items

- The Solarize NOVA campaign runs from March 15 – May 15th
- Reminder: Don't forget to fill out the Comprehensive Plan Survey (<http://cssr.gmu.edu>) by April 18th.
- Zoning ordinance update – The City is awaiting new draft ordinance from the consultant. The new draft will be released for public review early summer.
- FY17 budget update – The last opportunity to comment on the City's FY17 is at the April 27th City Council Meeting.

10. Public comments

- No comments

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is May 10th, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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