

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 5, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030

**Agenda**

**1. Call to order and welcome**

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Adam Basinger	Present
Member	Charish Bishop	Absent
Member	Jon Buttram	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Absent
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Student Liaison	Marianna Lipold	Absent
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	David Meyer	Present
Guest	Emily Cella	Present
Guest	Erin DeGiorgi	Present

**2. Consideration of the March 1, 2016 meeting minutes**

Judy Fraser moved to adopt the minutes as presented, which carried unanimously.

**3. Comprehensive Plan Update**

Stefanie noted that the ESC comments (plus all other comments received from the public) on the draft Goals and Outcomes were submitted to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will review and discuss all of the comments they have received for the Environmental Sustainability Chapter at the April 20th and/or April 24th meeting.

The Planning Commission will be scheduling joint work sessions with the City's boards and commissions to discuss actions and metrics for the Comprehensive Plan.

**4. Planning for the ESC Work Session Meeting (June 6<sup>th</sup>)**

The ESC discussed potential topics for the ESC Work Session Meeting including:

- Stormwater management fund
- Support for Parks and Recreation Department’s Horticulturist position
- Re-affirm support for a new arborist position
- ESC development review checklist and lessons learned
- Promotion of implementing sustainability practices ((e.g. LEED certifications, stormwater best practices, etc) in the development of new City buildings
- ESC priorities for 2017
- Tree Advisory Commission
- Alternative fuel vehicles and charging stations (e.g. VW funding)
- Feedback on the construction of the new fire station
- Sustainability education and outreach
- Invasive plants management plan

The ESC supported the use of minimal PowerPoint slides (1-3 slides) with a one page outline.

The ESC discussed the ESC Development review process and checklist. They agreed that the checklist worked and helped give structure to the review. The reviewers encouraged more members to take part in the review process and concern was expressed about the timelines and methods of input. The difficulty of addressing the carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions was discussed.

## **5. FY18 Budget Recommendations**

The ESC did not submit recommendations for the FY18 budget.

## **6. FY17 ESC Budget Spending Plan Discussion**

The ESC voted to purchase a box of “Plant NoVA Native Guides” and approved \$200 to purchase food and reusable water bottles for the Fairfax City Downtown pit stop of Bike to Work Day 2017.

## **7. Outreach**

- Earth Art Show Exhibit: April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> (Reception: April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm)
- Earth Day Event: April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am – 12pm at Daniels Run Trail
- Stream cleanups throughout the City Saturday – Friends of Accotink Creek
- “The Anthropologist” Screening: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm – 6pm
- Fall Festival (Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 5pm): Mark proposed that the theme of the fall festival booth this year should be solar power and energy efficiency. It was recommended that the ESC invite speakers from Lanier middle school to discuss their solar panel grant.

## **2. Tree Committee Discussion**

- The ESC could potentially take on the role of “Tree Advisory Board” for the City of Fairfax. The Community Appearance Committee currently serves as “Tree Advisory

Board” which is one of the Tree City USA standards.

<https://www.arboday.org/programs/treecityusa/standards.cfm>

### 3. Chairperson’s Items

- Remote access to meetings

The ESC is in favor of having the option for remote attendance and would like to know what the city guidelines are for remote attendance, and also for committee action via email.

### 4. Committee Items

- Jon noted that Dr. Noonan, Superintendent of City of Fairfax Schools, is leaving the City of Fairfax and has accepted a position with Falls Church.

### 5. Staff items

- Rain Barrel Workshop: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Solarize NOVA: April 18<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Information sessions:
    1. May 15th, 6pm, Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy
    2. June 5th, 6pm, Green Acres Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd
- Earth Day Proclamation will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- The City’s first Net Zero Energy building was built and is located on Sager Avenue. View the April 2017 Fairfax Scene to see a tour the building: <https://youtu.be/Depg4BQvggE>

### 6. Public comments

None

### 7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is May 11th, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

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