Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
5/2/17

PRESENT: Chair Sue Beffel, Vice-chair Irwin Flashman, Committee Members Lois Phemister, Carl Mitchell, Robin Duska, Doug Britt, Jon Damm, Staff Members Katie Shaw, Claudia Thompson-Deahl, Sandy Behrs
BOARD LIAISON: Eric Carr
ABSENT: Eric Weinstein
GUESTS: Victoria White, Melissa Gildea, Emily Vorek, and members of the Pedestrian Lighting Task Force including: Larry Butler, RA Liaison, Tony Watkins, Rick Landers, Bill Burton, Bill Krause, Liz Aurelia

I. Procedural Items
   A. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
      Sue Beffel called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, and a quorum was established. Sue welcomed members of the Pedestrian Lighting Task Force who were attending to give the EAC and update on their work to date. Sue also welcomed Eric Carr as the new Board Liaison.

   B. Approval of May 2, 2017 Meeting Agenda
      The agenda for May 2, 2017 was unanimously approved.

   C. Approval of April 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes
      The meeting minutes for April 4, 2017 were unanimously approved as amended following a motion by Doug Britt and a second by Robin Duska.

II. General Comments from RA Members— None

III. Action/Discussion Items
   D. Development/Redevelopment Update
      • Pedestrian Lighting –
         Tony Watkins briefed the EAC on the background of the Pedestrian Lighting Task Force and presented a slide presentation on their work on creating a zone system that shows what areas should be dark, and what areas should be lit in Reston. As the group continues its work, they will be focusing on types and levels of lighting, and eventually, the recommendations of the Task Force could be used as guidelines for RA and the community. Larry Butler noted that the Task Force will go before the DRB on May 18th to get feedback.

      • CSF Renovation –
         The EAC would like to get more information on what currently plans are and will try to set up a meeting with Mike McNamara and Garrett Skinner, Capital Projects Director.

      • Zoning Ordinance/Density in Reston –
         A meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017 on changing the standard of density in Reston.
• Other Development & Redevelopment –
  o The proposal on St. John’s Wood has been indefinitely deferred, but may be coming back to the DRB in the near future.
  o Kensington Senior Living – Work session scheduled for May 16th before the full DRB.
  o Reston National Golf Course (RNCG) – RA is aware that the golf course is currently being marketed.

E. Monthly Tip from EAC – EAC members met with Communications Director Mike Leone (and Mick Calvacca) and worked out a process for posting the monthly environmental tips.

F. Report from RASER Working Group – The completed RASER report will be presented to the RA Board in July. Approximately 90% of the draft is done, but still need technical and copy editing. Section conclusions and recommendations are under review.

G. Report from Litter Working Group – The group is looking at approximately 80 sites. A meeting is scheduled with Communications Director Mike Leone on how Communications can contribute to the Litter Working Group’s project.

H. Natural Areas -- The committee discussed natural areas management and will review draft language in regards to dead wood, planting and clearing.

I. Adjourn --
  The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandy Behrs
Committee Secretary