Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes
2/4/20

PRESENT Chair Sue Beffel; Vice-chair Irwin Flashman; Committee Members: Doug Britt, Emily Cox, Emily Vorek, Karen Sughrue, William Pegues, Carl Mitchell (6:39 p.m.), Eiman Hajabbassi (6:50 p.m.); Board Liaison Tom Mulkerin; Staff Liaisons: Katie Shaw, Claudia Thompson-Deahl

ABSENT WITH CAUSE Committee Members: Jon Damm, Surekha Sridhar; Board Liaisons: Eric Carr

GUESTS Adam Drici; Jim McNeal; Jim O’Leary; Sarah Selvaraj-D’Souza and Sonja D’Souza; Eric Trad

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Call to Order & Opening Remarks
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., and a quorum was established.

Visitors were welcomed and encouraged to consider joining the committee. Introductions were made. Sally Kidd and Nancy Malesic have resigned from the committee.

B. Adoption of Agenda
Irwin moved to adopt the February 4, 2020 agenda. Emily C. seconded the motion.
Doug requested that an update from the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) Task Force be added to the agenda.

Irwin made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Emily C. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Adoption of Minutes
Karen moved to adopt the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Member Comments
None.
II. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

E. Development/Redevelopment Working Group- Updates & Environmental Considerations Review
The working group met on January 23. It is reviewing and updating the Environmental Considerations for Developers document with an eye on mitigating climate change and encouraging developers to go beyond regulatory requirements. The next meeting will be February 25.

The committee reviewed sample RA policies and guidelines for formatting ideas and documents that could be added to RASER policy recommendations (ex. Essential Elements of Reston, Common Area Use Resolution 1, the Questionnaire of Fundamental Aspects of Development in Reston, and Design Review Board Guidelines). RASER policy recommendations need to be drafted over the next couple of months. A list of pesticides being used by RA was requested to help guide the neonicotinoid policy recommendation.

A Biophilic Cities Workshop with Dr. Tim Beatley will take place on February 10 at RA headquarters. It will be a green, zero waste event.

The Biophilic Pledge rack cards are being distributed. An online version with clickable links is coming soon.

G. Litter Working Group Update
The group met on January 22. There will be one last try to get support for reducing single use plastic at the restaurants at Lake Anne Plaza. Group purchasing power may help. Several bills related to this issue are being considered by state government. Eight states have banned single use plastics. The next meeting will be February 24.

H. Pathway Lighting Hunters Woods: Working Group Progress
The committee reviewed the revised draft position paper on the proposed pathway lighting project near the Hunters Woods Shopping Center. The committee is concerned that the proposed roadway/parking lot style lights are inappropriate for a wooded setting, and that safety issues in the area go beyond lighting needs. A cover page or memo will be drafted to summarize the recommendations in the position paper.

Carl made a motion that the EAC authorize submitting its pathway lighting position paper to the RA Board Operating Committee and subsequently presenting the paper to the full Board for acceptance and appropriate action. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Fairfax County Glass Recycling Update
Negotiations are underway with the Fairfax County Park Authority to place a purple glass recycling bin at Baron Cameron Park. Other sites are also under consideration. Requests for bins should be directed to Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.
J. **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)**

The task force had its kickoff meeting on January 24. Statistics about the amount of greenhouse gases, green buildings, electric cars, etc. were shared. The County is planning to lobby the State to remove barriers to renewable energy. The next meeting will be March 31. A public meeting will be on April 29 at the Government Center.

K. **Announcements, Upcoming Activities & Meetings**

The Audubon Photography Awards Show is on display at the Walker Nature Center February 5-26. There will be an Open House on February 9 and a screening of Birds on Film on February 21. This month’s bird walk is a Reston Waterfowl Tour on February 23. Two speakers from the Audubon Society will present a Bird Friendly Windows program at the Nature Center on March 19, and there is a bird collision webinar on February 13.

On February 8, Plant NoVa Natives will hold a workshop in at the Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge.

A Biophilic Pledge video will be featured in RA News.

The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee will not meet in February. The Association Drive project is expected to be back on March 16.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute would be interested in having e-waste and recycling topics presented.

Electric Car Charging stations by VOLTA will be installed in commercial and mixed-use areas in Reston.

EAC assistance would be welcome in the effort to produce long term plans for aging communities.

Committee members are encouraged to vote and participate in the upcoming RA Board election.

The next EAC meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4 due to the primary election being held on Tuesday, the 3rd.

III. **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

L. **Adjourn**

*Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

[Katie Shaw, Staff Liaison]

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