

Easton Environmental Advisory Council

MEETING:

01/03/2023

03 January 2023 / 6:00 PM / 3rd Floor Conference room, City Hall

ATTENDEES

Louisa Durkin, Rohan Prabhu, John Zeller, Madeline Squarcia, Kathryn Semmens, Rob Christopher, Ian Kindle, Tony Klapatch, Miranda Wilcha, Robert MacDonald.

AGENDA

1. EAC Organization and Priorities.

December Meeting Minutes:

- voted on and approved.

New Member Recruitment:

- Discussion was made in regards to using the Easton Facebook page to help make online recruitment more effective. Rob he would contact groups. Madeline asked for online and physical copies of flyers to put up in public areas.

January Work Meeting- EAC Ordinance Review, CAP Priorities:

- Work meeting approved for January 17th to conduct hybrid work meeting. Notes to be individually brought up and discussed.

2. Easton Climate Action Plan.

Updates:

- Improvements made upon greenhouse and other garden work initiatives brought up by Miranda. Rob brought up discussion of potential procurement of City Forest Credits and other grant programs to secure

funding for green spaces. Tool and seed library development. Department of Defense and Penn East Pipeline grants to recruitment.

Upcoming January Task Force Meeting:

- To work with other boards such as the Planning Commission to discuss projects and cooperate in securing green work initiatives.

Reminder: Review CAP of items EAC can take on:

- Focus was made on LEED ordinance. To secure ARPA funds as well as to investigate composting suggestions. Community Economic Development Plan made into suggestion.

3. Communications/Education

Internships

- Northampton Community College was brought up in discussion of job postings and paid/unpaid internships in regard to green spaces and EAC recruitment.

Volunteer ideas for 2023

- Contact Nurture Nature Center and Lafayette College regarding internships and volunteers.

Volunteer engagement and list

- Help from current community Easton Garden Works as well as Nature/Nurture center.

City Council Engagement- Annual Report

- Ian discussed that an annual report to the City Council will be made soon regarding our initiatives and procurement of funding for programs.

Single Use Plastics

- More information will be procured in order to make an effective single use plastic ban ordinance.

4. City Urban Forestry Update

City Forester Update

- Rob spoke of his promotion and that in his new position that he will be able to do more in regards to green works. Spoke of looking into promising grants such as Carbon Credits to be used to aid the budget.

Green Space Inventory- Updates

- Green space tool and seed library promising. Current inventory is rendered good.

5. New Business

- Workshop meeting scheduled for January 17th.

6. Meeting Adjourned