

MEETING: 03/07/2023

Opened at 6:04pm / City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room & Virtually on Zoom

Attendees

In person: Robert MacDonald, Miranda Wilcha, Tony Klapatch, Louisa Durkin, Nick Gorski

Virtual: Maggie Beetstra, Kate Semmens, Rohan Prabhu

Agenda

EAC Organization and Priorities

Robert is acting chair this evening. February minutes approval was postponed until April due to Ian being absent. No updates from the city with getting new members approved, the board will continue to reach out to potential new members and the city.

Tabled discussion on the mid month workshop meetings. In the future, mid month workshop meetings will be held as needed.

Easton Climate Action Plan

Louisa will follow up with Delicia, director of sustainability at Lafayette, for further discussion on the climate action plan. No other updates on the climate action plan.

CAP action item list will remain the same to allow the EAC to focus on the already outlined items.

Miranda gave an update on expanding the Easton Compost Program. This project has been moving slowly due to lack of funding and finding somewhere that is zoned within the city limits to take in food waste. **For a site to take in food waste, Rob Christopher will check with Chrin and Williams Township, Tony will check with Mark Roberts the public works director in Forks Township. Louisa will check in with Ian about the landfill free city program and Robert will check in with the city solicitor regarding landfill free city. Miranda will check in with tonnage data for composting and getting a cost analysis from the city's waste and recycling program.** Discussion ensued regarding smaller spots to put compost collection points around downtown, such as new apartment buildings and restaurants in the 100 block of Northampton St.

Zoning ordinance discussion was tabled until April's meeting.

Communications/Education

Internships discussion was tabled until April's meeting.

Rob Christopher received the volunteer email list from former member Janet and can now send emails for future events. **The EAC will have a presence at the GEDP Earth Day Event at Lower Hackett Park, further discussion will be held during April's meeting. Tony will post in Teams regarding getting a trash cleanup day planned for late-March/early-April for along the riverfront.**

City council engagement and the annual report will be discussed in teams. **Rob Christopher will reach out to Ian regarding presenting a native plants ordinance to city council.**

Tony will start work on getting a statement from the EAC regarding LANTA's June 2023 service changes. Tony will be attending the May 16th PennDOT Connects event regarding EV grants and invited others to join.

Discussion on planning an event for Native Species Day on May 18th was tabled until April's meeting.

City Urban Forestry Update

Rob Christopher will be doing landscaping planning for the road going up to South Side. The pole barn plan for Lower Hackett Park has been submitted to zoning, Rob Christopher is working on getting the land development & variance application with the city. **Louisa will look into methods of physical access for the pole barn.** Scott Park will have more trees coming in the open lawn, **Rob Christopher will look into how we can get trees to residents with empty tree wells.**

New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.