

MEETING: 04/04/2023

Opened at 6:00pm / City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room & Virtually on Zoom

Attendees

In person: Robert MacDonald, Tony Klapatch, Paul Schalow, Lisa Pammer, Bo Freeman, Nick Gorski, Josh Joseph

Virtual: Ian Kindle, Jon Zeller, Rob Christopher, Molly Blinski, Maggie Beetstra, Louisa Durkin, Madeline Squarcia, Kate Semmens, Rohan Prabhu, Azalea Danes

Agenda

EAC Organization and Priorities

February and March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Introductions were made to potential new members, the city should be appointing new members soon.

Easton Climate Action Plan

On April 29th Nurture Nature Center is having a Youth Climate Summit and invited everyone to attend. No updates on energy credits from the city.

Ian discussed the EAC's climate action plan ideas list. Transportation and field trips to community gardens & the micro-forest will be included in the EAC's climate action plan ideas list. Importance of transportation being

included was emphasized by Robert. Tony and Ian will be interviewed by Liam Thompson running a walkability study in Downtown Easton.

Lisa Pammer gave an update with information from Rohan Prabhu on composting at Lafayette College, they will be starting testing this summer. No other updates on composting.

No updates on zoning ordinances. **Ian will continue to seek a planning commission member to be on the board to satisfy our EAC ordinance.**

Communications/Education

The EAC will support and promote the city cleanup events occurring on Saturday, April 29th and encourages the public to attend. **Discussion of planning trash cleanups was tabled until the May meeting.**

GEDP's Earth Day event will be held on Saturday, April 22nd 2-6pm (rain date April 23rd) at Lower Hackett Park. Rob Christopher will be bringing tree seedlings for a giveaway. **This event will be promoted by the EAC on social media.**

Ian requested assistance on getting work done on the 2022 Annual Report for the EAC to the city. **Robert will be handling starting work on the annual report.**

Comments to send to LANTA on their proposed June service changes were approved unanimously pending conditional approval in the transportation Teams channel. Louisa will update this comment and seek final approval from the EAC before it is sent.

Ian gave an update on attending the Watershed conference and supporting recognized tribes.

Native species day will be occurring on Thursday, May 18th. Ian discussed having a cleanup day or other public event such as a native/invasive plant hike in conjunction with this day. **This will be discussed more in the May meeting.** Rob Christopher requested a trash cleanup along Smith Ave hill.

City Urban Forestry Update

Ian tabled the green space inventory for now and invited others to join if they want to take on the project.

Rob Christopher gave an update on trimming of hazardous trees and parks.

New Business

Tony mentioned WalkWorks, a program from Pennsylvania to encourage walking, cycling. Paul Schalow mentioned using funds from this program to open the sidewalk in the winter along N Delaware Driver (SR611) between Eddyside Park and Bushkill Bridge. **The EAC will investigate who puts up this closure sign along this sidewalk in the winter.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.