

Minutes of EAC meeting Monday, September 11, 2023

Meeting took place in Allentown Library conference room.

AEAC Members in Physical attendance were Maria Ocasio, Dieter Kretschy.

Members of the public in attendance at the library were Peter Dent; Sarah Vigneri; Maddie (Muhlenberg student).

Members attending via zoom: Jennifer Swann

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1. July minutes were approved
2. Maria reminded folks about the petition going to residents 9/14 and that signatures were needed
3. Water Equity: Requested was the schedule for next water equity meetings. The meeting is scheduled on 9/20. 11 am.
 - a. Peter Dent inquired to the reason for the meeting. Maria explained that the primary objective is to get analysis of ways to reduce burden of water payments by lower income residents. There were also comments regarding the lead water pipes in Allentown. Peter mentioned that leaded pipes alone are not a concern, unless a situation like the one in Flint MI arose. Further substantiation would be provided by Peter.
4. LED lighting issue was brought up again, as to the street lights and how bright they are. Dieter will work with the city to find out details on how the lights were selected and what will be done to soften the glow.
5. The project to set up air monitors came up and locations and costs were to be determined. Costs as some of the monitors are free, some are not.
As far as locations were concerned, it was mentioned for city owned buildings as well as hospitals would be good locations.
6. Maria voiced concern that EAC presence in the community ought to be enhanced. To that end, a suggestion was made to start a monthly library activity for kids and interested adults on a variety of topics that the EAC finds imperative to present to the community. Several topics came up, and Dieter offered time in March 24 to conduct such an activity, this on trash and recycling and the environment.

Meeting was adjourned.