

Minutes of June 13, 2022 Meeting of Environmental Advisory Council

EAC members in attendance: Tinku Khanwalkar, Holly Edinger, Dieter Kretschy, Maria Ocasio, Jon Stanely, Jennifer Swann

Non-EAC members present: Mary Tomlinson (resident of the Jordan Heights neighborhood, Jon Zeller, Lacey Pasco, RJ Lane

- Welcome and introduction
- Review and approval of May Minutes
 - Minutes approved

Reports from EAC on Goals

1. Drive Greater Transparency and Accountability (Tinku)
 - Need a metric for tree equity (Holly)
 - Need a metric for lead exposure (Maria)
 - Need a metric/ metrics for energy use/ CO2 (Jon Z.)
2. Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Allentown (Leo)
 - No Update from Promise Neighborhood
 - Lehigh U. students are doing solar powered wood kiln that would be used by Promise Neighborhood Climate Corp will get job training on this
 - Lacey has a new “guide to being outside”
3. Plan for a Sustainable and Resilient Allentown (Jon Z. and Tinku)
 - See the metrics item above
 - Encourage city to develop a larger plan based on data from city
 - Look for votable action/ recommendation in July
4. City staff is looking for EAC support on stormwater management
 - City Staff (Angie DiBuo) is looking for EAC support for rain gardens and green infrastructure. (Holly, Lacey and Mary)
 - Can we develop a metric for our dashboard?
5. Improve Community Health Outcomes (Leo)
 - Radon Testing for homes with Civilian Climate Corp. (Promise Neighborhood)
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7. Increase Environmental Stewardship
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8. Business Recognition Program
 - No update
9. Earth Day Program(s)
10. Review and advise on DEP letters

Question from guest (Mary) about Jordan Park Greenway plan.