

Minutes January 14th, 2019 Meeting of Environmental Advisory Council

In Attendance: Liz Hunt; Mark Pinsley (Whitehall commissioner); Dave Melman; Tim Dutch (Allentown Native); Joe Hoffman; Rachel Rosenthal (Sierra Club); Tinku Khanwalker; Jennifer Swann. (Note Keith Corban is no longer interested in attending and has not been added to the committee)

1. November EAC meeting minutes were approved
2. 2018 Annual Report was approved
3. Proposed City Council Resolution on Solar and decision on next steps was discussed edited and approved. Tinku will inform Mike Hanlon to get the resolution to City Council as an official agenda item for February 20th. The EAC will also present their annual report at this meeting. All EAC members are encouraged to attend this meeting.
4. Discussion of Emmaus ordinance requiring pre-transfer home inspections for compliance with storm water requirements (Tinku Khanwalker). Prior to the transfer of ownership, properties must be inspected to make sure that there are no cracks in the connections to the main sewer lines from the house. This the biggest source of storm waters entering the waste water and the ordinance is important because the inspectors cannot just enter people's properties to determine the condition. Compliance with such an ordinance would help the city's ability to comply with the EPA's consent order. Emmaus charges a \$250.00 fee. Before we can recommend the ordinance we need to talk to the experts. The discussion is tabled until the EAC receives more information from Angela Dubois (Public works)
5. 2019 Communications Plan (Liz Hunt) – Deferred to the planning meeting January 24th
6. 2019 Planning Meeting – “Retreat” (Jennifer Swann). Executive meeting - closed to the public - to plan the work of the EAC for the upcoming year. The meeting will be held at Tinku's house from 5:30 to 8:00 on January 24th.
7. Report on Parks and Recreation (Joe Hoffman). He has not met with Karen El Chaar (the new Parks and Recreation Director) since she replaced the previous Director. Next meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 8:00 AM.
8. Report on Public Works (Joe Hoffman) -- there has been no contact from Public Works as to when and where Joe can meet with them. Tinku will follow up.
9. Report on Planning Commission (Joe Hoffman). January meeting had 2 items on the agenda neither of which was environmental. It was suggested that we plan a “Know your Brewshed” event to bring the breweries into the wastewater discussion. The breweries have a guild and Rachel Rosenthal (Sierra Club) will do the research to identify the contact for the proposal. Next Planning Commission meeting is February 11th.
10. Report on City Council (Dave Melman). No report (Dave was out of the country and could not attend)

Meeting adjourned at 6:40