

Allentown EAC Minutes

January 11, 2021

5:15 PM via WebEx

- Welcome and Introductions
- In attendance: Jennifer Swann, Holly Edinger, Tinku Khanwalkar, David Melman, Jessica Bice, Lacey Pasco, Francesca Jones
- Review and Approval of December Minutes
 - Motion by D. Melman, Approved.

Old Business

- Recap of 2020 Accomplishments- Tinku sent this out ahead of time for review. Attached.
- Status Reports on 2020 Goals
 1. Plastics Initiative – will need a new lead for 2021
 2. Micro-mobility – Tinku explained that Jennifer Swann is launching the work with Jessica Bice. We will coordinate with CAT and the city public works department.
 3. Muhlenberg Internship/Climate Action – We have completed the GHG inventory and will now be doing a climate action inventory -- not really a climate action plan. EAC members and others should email anything they know about that is happening in the city, by any party/organizations/ companies in response to climate change, including LVHN. The actions need to be ones that either reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that we are reporting in the inventory, or would help the city to adapt to climate change .
 4. Park Spark Project – Jennifer- Students continue working on this project and are looking into a biodigester.
 5. Community Gardens/Bees – Select an EAC lead. TBD
 6. EAC Ordinance and Bylaws revisions – Josh Sigel is putting this on the City Council agenda for the 1/20 meeting. Dave will attend to represent EAC to further the changes.
 7. Food Waste – Jennifer and Holly – Defer for 2021
 8. Preliminary Review of Allentown Zoning Map – This will be done by the city consultant and EAC will have input.
- Reports from EAC Liaisons
 1. Parks and Recreation – no meeting with them this month.
 2. Public Works – Angela from the city sent an update to Tinku and Liz that included the rain garden at Sumner. Lacey expressed interest in reviewing the planting design. Tinku will inform the City and obtain the designs
 3. City Council – Dave is going to attend the 1/20 meeting
 4. Planning Commission – Holly- nothing with environmental impact on the agenda.

Adjourned at 5:53

1. Barnes Lanes area has a Girl Scout facility that is looking to expand in that area.
5. Bureau of Planning and Zoning – Jennifer reviewed the micromobility project and Tinku reviewed the climate action inventory with Irene Woodward at the regular monthly meeting with Planning and Zoning

New Business

2021 Goals and project leads --- Tinku (5 minutes)

2020 Allentown EAC Accomplishments

- **Led development of greenhouse gas inventory for the city under DEP program (report to be finalized and posted in 2021)**
- **Led study by Lehigh University interns on a dog waste bio-digester in an Allentown park (report to be finalized and posted in 2021)**
- **Led invasive plant removal at Cedar Creek park in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Obtained City participation in the Sustainable Community Certification (to be submitted in 2021)**
- **Provided input to City Council in support of City's endorsement of Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act**
- **Obtained City Council endorsement of, and developed scope of work for, enhanced micro-mobility (study to be conducted by Muhlenberg intern)**
- **Developed proposed scope of work for plastics reduction incentive program**
- **Provided input to the Community Ambassador program under Vision 2030 (ongoing)**
- **Began investigating potential food waste programs**
- **Began providing input on City's comprehensive zoning plan review**