

**Allentown EAC Agenda**  
**April 12, 2021**  
**5:15 PM via WebEx**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Attendees EAC Members: Tinku Khanwalkar, Jennifer Swann, David Melman, Dieter Kretschy, Holly Edinger
  - concern about Liz's lack of attendance. We need to discuss with her.
- Other attendees: Maria Ocasio (pending EAC member), Lacey Pasco, John Stanley (pending new EAC member), Sadie Aten, Brian Hilliard, Jess Bice

**Minutes from March 2021 meeting approved**

**2021 Goals Reports**

1. Waste Minimization (Dieter/ Holly) no update at this time but, we will now have monthly meetings with Solid Waste Dept.
  - a. college student to do the research on best practices and some research on technology. Also create list of sources of food waste and list of soup kitchen/ food pantry, and potential partners to transport food from source to pantry.
2. Micro-mobility (Jennifer/ Jess)- meeting with community partners and Muhlenberg about their project with Zagster (now out of business). Tandem mobility is a new startup for bikeshare (of old Zagster folks)- and college will be working with them to revamp the program. We got a quote on the annual cost and station locations. Lime and Lyft were also contacted for quotes. Jess needs a contact at LVHN and St. Luke's for their input and possible financial support
3. Muhlenberg Internship/Climate Action (Tinku Hannah)- Inventory being developed of Climate Actions that captures the climate actions that are already being taken, being considered, or should be considered . This was shared with city staff and it was fairly well received. We will need a new student to pick up Hannah's work when she graduates this spring. CDP-ACEEE ranks municipalities on energy efficiency and other climate actions based on publicly available data. Allentown currently ranks in the bottom quintile but should be able to improve its ranking by responding to the CDP-ACEEE data request. That response was submitted in March. There is another, larger survey issued by CDP that the city has agreed for the first time to respond to. Tinku is working with the city on that response.
4. Park Spark Project (Jennifer)- students are working on a prototype. It may be a summer project at Lehigh U.
5. EAC Earth Day Event (Holly)- April 22- being conducted jointly by the EACs of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton, along with Alliance for Sustainable Communities. Program will focus on environmental volunteer opportunities. Speakers will share their volunteer experiences and the impact they have had.
6. Create an internship list of LV Sustainability jobs (Holly) in works.

7. Rain Gardens (Public Works, Sadie)- Sumner Ave project is under construction.
8. Create a public repository of sustainability data on city website and improve social media and online presence (Holly/ Sadie)- Work with Irene at city to make this better. We will develop a plan on what would be good.
9. Sustainable Pennsylvania Communities Certification (Tinku)- on Irene's desk and they will look at it when they can get it done. Lehigh U. student did work on it.
10. Get City funding for EAC promotions (Dave)- he will work on this.
11. Photograph contest about lantern flies (Liz)- no update
12. Sustainable Business Survey and Recognition Program (Tinku) -- needs a Muhlenberg intern to develop the framework for this. The concept has been approved by Mayor O'Connell. Sadie to help identify an intern for this.
13. Invasive Species Events- neighborhoods and parks. Maybe a Hemlock contest on social media (Jennifer and Holly)- on hold
14. Preliminary Review of Allentown Zoning Map – Holly will be on the advisory committee with the city.
15. EAC Ordinance Update- City Council did not consider this in March because the wrong version was before them. The correct version was referred to the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee at the April 7th meeting. Do not have the date for it to come back to City Council for a vote. Dave Melman will track its status and attend the City Council meeting when it comes up for a vote.

- **Reports from EAC Liaisons**

1. Muhlenberg College – Sadie (2 minutes)
2. Parks and Recreation – Jennifer and Tinku - no meeting but we did attend the Jordan Park outreach event.
3. Public Works – will begin with the monthly meeting with Ann Saurman and expand from there.
4. City Council – Dave (2 minutes)- more involvement expected post primary
5. Planning Commission – Holly (2 minutes) -- no update
6. Community and Economic Development (Jennifer and Tinku)-- covered above

**New Business**

- Community Ambassadors meeting – Riverfront Neighborhood Group