



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

Environmental Advisory Council

Monday, May 9, 2022

5:15 PM

Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 838 6558 3441

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

Non-EAC members present: Tina Amato, Jessica Armbruster, Julie Thomases, Susan Dalandan, Leo Rooney

- Welcome and introduction
- Review and approval of March minutes
 - o Minutes approved
- Remarks by Julie Thomases
 - o Promise Neighborhood's program tomorrow "Who Runs Our Streets" session has some openings for the session tomorrow at 6:15-7:45pm
- Debrief on Quarterly Meeting with EAC Reps and City Staff
 - o Review how to best work with the city on our goals and the city staff's work
 - o Agreed that the city needs to change process so that EAC can review and provide comments on initiatives of the city.
 - o Environmental Sustainability Dashboard: what metrics should be on there? Air Quality? Drinking water data?
 - o Energy Efficiency is something they want to work with EAC- there was an old Energy Audit done that might help provide priorities
 - o Civilian Climate Corp- City wants to better understand the metrics/ measurables. Can EAC help CCC come up with metrics that are important to the city's goals.
 - o Can EAC support goals on stormwater management process/ goals/ needs? Rain barrel workshops or other ways to get the word out... to improve involvement. Can we work with PSU Extension on this information?
- Tinku met with City Council Person Natalie Santos
 - o She has many environmental goals for the city and may be a good representative for the EAC.
- EAC support of Earth Day Celebrations
 - o Good events (Muhlenberg College and City Arts Park) and spoke to many people- maybe over 150. Tinku followed up at Arbor Day event with message on Trees.
- New 2022 EAC goals- Assign EAC Lead Member- see attached spreadsheet
 1. Drive Greater Transparency and Accountability on Environmental Matters
 2. Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Allentown
 3. Plan for a Sustainable and Resilient Allentown
 4. Improve Community Health Outcomes
 5. Increase Environmental Stewardship
 6. Create Productive and Connected Landscapes
- **Welcome and introductions**
- **Review and approval of April minutes**

[15-5048](#) EAC Meeting Minutes 4-11-2022

Attachments: [EAC Meeting Minutes 4-11-2022](#)

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- Debrief on Quarterly Meeting with City staff (Tinku and Jennifer)
- Report on meeting with Natalie Santos (Tinku)
- Report on Earth Day celebrations (Holly)
- Report on Arbor Day celebrations (Tinku)
- Assignment of EAC leads and subcommittee members on revised goals (Tinku)
- Reports from EAC leads on goals

[15-5049](#) EAC 2022 Goals

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New Business**No New Business**