

April 10, 2023

EAC Members: Tinku, Maria, Jon Stanley

Attendees: Molly Bilinski, Jon Zeller, Lacey Pasco, Kyle Ropsky, Tim

Solar Resolution Proposal posted to the city website

Earth Day cleanup with Salisbury EAC is coming up 10 am – 1 pm on April 22, 2023

MAC Foundation Grant application is open, with no deadline. To develop a sustainability master plan. We could work with an intern on this. An EAC member must lead the effort or coordinate with a leading outside member.

#### Goal updates

City-owned energy assets: Collecting energy data for the largest three city buildings. Have electric and natural gas data. Need sq ft and utility bill data for these buildings. The goal is to understand energy usage and conduct possible surveys to identify energy efficiencies and emissions. Head of Public Works Dept moving forward with the assessment of installing renewable energies for these buildings.

- Discussion on timelines for this information for the buildings.

There is no quorum; we must identify a time for a special meeting.

R-70 approved by City Council

**Energy Equity:** Lacey is looking at how we can access funds and opportunities for Allentown renters that face energy burdens. Lacey's paper will be merged into other reports and submitted to the City Council.

**Plastic Bags:** Jennifer Swann is working on the ordinance and the wording that should be used for it. Using other ordinances to model the draft ordinance. Work is continuing.

**Bird Town Evaluation:** Tinku continues working on metrics PA Audubon has developed for Bird Towns. Tinku report shows that the city should leverage PA Audubon resources involving environmental stewardship. Identifying programs that could foster further participation amongst city residents (tree giveaways, etc.).

Events to Participate In

Earth Day Event – Volunteering tabling event on April 22, 12 pm – 4 pm, at Art in the Park (Allentown, PA).

Muhlenberg EcoFest on April 28, 11 am – 3 pm.

Mayor Tuerk reached out to AEAC about trees and research on specific trees.

#### New Business

June 7, The LV EAC Forum is being held in Bethlehem, PA, at the Steel Stacks, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, with a discussion on Energy Equity. PADEP, USDOE, and Holly E. will be speaking.

Working with the Delaware River Coalition on Water Equity.

