

Minutes of May 9, 2022 Meeting of Environmental Advisory Council

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**
 - Minutes approved
- **Remarks by Julie Thomases**
 - 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**
 - Review how to best work with the city on our goals and the city staff's work
 - Agreed that the city needs to change process so that EAC can review and provide comments on initiatives of the city.
 - Environmental Sustainability Dashboard: what metrics should be on there? Air Quality? Drinking water data?
 - Energy Efficiency is something they want to work with EAC- there was an old Energy Audit done that might help provide priorities
 - 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.
 - 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**
 - She has many environmental goals for the city and may be a good representative for the EAC.
- **EAC support of Earth Day Celebrations**
 - 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