

EAC Monthly Meeting

February 4, 2022

6:00 PM– 7:23 PM

Attendees:

EAC Voting Members: Carol Martsof, Charlene Bennett, Dana Robinson, Dale Harris, Christine Du Bois Buxbaum

Members of the Public: Howard Sherman, Carol Coster, Mario

6:00 PM Call to Order

I. Welcome

Carol asked team members to introduce themselves

II. Meeting Minutes Approved for December 2021 Meeting

January minutes to be circulated for approval after the meeting

III. Reports and Announcements

A. Borough Council Liaison Update

1. Carol Martsof, Kelly Bowker and Jayne Young comprise the Environment Parks & Recreation Committee. Collectively, this group agrees on which EAC issues should go forward to Borough council. EAC members are invited to attend Env, Parks & Rec meetings to observe and ask questions
2. February 23rd at 6:30 PM - training for Chairs of Councils and Committees. All other EAC members are invited to attend the training entitled :The Forum on the Conduct of Borough Business. Zoom link forthcoming from Carol or Dana
3. Earth Day 2022– held at Interboro Park, coordinated by Rep Gina Curry Hackett’s office and Bethel AME and scheduled for Friday, April 23rd

B. Resignation of Alana Walls. Alana resigned citing additional caregiving responsibilities after the death of a parent. Charlene will follow-up on Christine’s suggestion to send a condolence gift/card.

C. 1/10/22 Environment Parks & Recreation Committee meeting outcome

1. With the plans to revamp the Landing and adjacent Veterans Park and parking lot by Architectural Design Company (MD5), Dana **proposed** taking the following suggestion to the stakeholder meeting at the end of the month: Planting native pollinator attracting plants. Additional ideas of installing a solar panel canopy and pervious pavements to be tabled until additional research could be done

- D. 1/19/22 Borough Council meeting outcomes
 - 1. All approvals were granted by Borough Council – (1) Dana Robinson as Chair (2) Alana Wells as 5th EAC member (3) Brochure (4) make Ben Proud pamphlet
- E. 1/25/22 Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting outcomes
 - 1. 204 survey responses available for review (Dana)
 - 2. 2 Draft goals for the comprehensive plan with focus on energy conservation and sustainability
 - i. Encourage modes of transportation, tree planting, patterns of land use, design of sites and other actions that conserve energy and promote sustainability.
 - ii. Protect and enhance natural features including Darby Creek corridor, wetlands and woodlands.

Process for EAC action - send any climate action recommendations through Carol Martsof to Parks & Rec committee who in turn will funnel to Borough Council for final action

- F. Other meetings (DCVA, DelCo Sustainability Commission, Ready for 100 etc)
 - 1. DCVA – scheduling cleanup in April (Dale)
 - 2. Friends of John Heinz offering symposium on Plastic Pollution and Prevention – Wednesdays Noon to 1 PM for 4 Wednesdays in March 2022. Plans to promote issue of plastic pollution in e-newsletter article
 - 3. RF100 – Lansdowne EAC was invited to discuss accomplishments and any recommendations in a roundtable discussion with other Delco EACs. Dale will represent in the 2/21/22 at 7:30 PM meeting
- G. Announcements

IV. **Review of Business Items**

A. Review of agenda

- B. EAC – internal (Dana)
 - i. February 23rd onboarding training for Chairs
 - ii. 2/19 at 4PM as potential date/time for annual goal session to identifying and prioritizing initiatives and our role in the community. Carol asked for a 2 week lead time as the meeting may have to be publicly announced
 - iii. Date for EAC member onboarding training– tabled for next meeting
 - iv. EAC brochure – given Lansdowne gets 20 new residents every month, and plans to distribute brochure at public events and the

Farmer's Market, decision taken to request print 1000 brochures. Carol to forward request to Craig

- v. EAC Annual Report – available for review in the reading folder. Motion approved to send Annual Report to Borough Council. Carol Martsolf will take lead

C. Waste stream and recycling

- i. Proposal on plastic bag ban. Next step is to start conversation with businesses. Recommendation made to include script or talking points that will be used with businesses in the proposal for review by Borough Council. Carol Martsolf also suggested working in tandem with the Plastic Bag ban initiative being sponsored by the Sustainability Commission and resuming activities once this ban is in place. Dale will consider these recommendations and continue discussion in next monthly meeting.

D. Composting

- i. Decision made to form composting team

E. Climate Action plan

- i. EAC unanimously approved sending the plan forward to Borough Council, subject to edits on the community portion. The premise is that the municipal portion should be incorporated into the comprehensive plan, with the community portion excluded and refocused in a DEI lens to allow extensive community participation.

F. Environmental Education – no updates

G. Birdtown – no updates

H. Renewable Energy – no updates

I. E-newsletter topics

- i. Mosquito control – agreement that Christine would write article on natural mosquito control measures for February issue due 2/15/22

- ii. John Heinz symposium on plastic pollution – Dale to write a blurb on symposium findings

J. Other communications – no updates

K. Volunteer recruitment – tabled for next meeting

V. Additional New Business Items – none

VI. Additional Public Comment – none

VII. Adjournment at 7:23 with unanimous approval

VIII. Open Discussion

Public Comments

- IX. Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM