



## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**July 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

EAC members: Erica Burman, Walt Cressler, Ron Joines, Maggie Killcoyne, Dana Marks

Associate Members: David Director

Mark Paikoff, Borough Council Liaison

Present: Erica Burman, Walt Cressler, Maggie Killcoyne, Dana Marks, David Director, Mark Paikoff

Absent: Ron Joines

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Approval of May Minutes – Approved
- Forthcoming appointment to EAC of Karen Taussig-Lux
  - Will be presented for approval at the next Thursday's Borough Council meeting.
- Candidates for remaining EAC vacancy – Addie Ciannella, Kevin Boyle, Jen Malkoun
  - Addie, previous member of the EAC, was recommended to join the EAC as an Associate Member.
  - Kevin discussed his background in stormwater management and interest in the EAC. The EAC voted to recommend Kevin as a voting member of the EAC.
  - Jen was not able to attend the meeting. The EAC voted to recommend Jen as an Associate Member or voting member if there is an immediate opening.
  - All recommendations will be presented at the August Borough Council meeting.
  - Once the positions have been approved, the team will reassess the working groups in September.
- Budget Report
  - Our budget for 2023 is \$2,000 of which \$1,400 has been paid to date. \$300 of the expenditures was for last year's shredding event that was never billed. The team discussed that this expense should probably be paid out of the public works budget going forward.
  - Another \$310 is committed leaving only \$250 left to spend for the remainder of

the year.

- Each working group should come up with specific items they want included in the budget for 2024 including costs of a brochure on the dangers of mosquito spraying and sustainable storefronts and it will be discussed in the September meeting ahead of the October budget reviews.

### **III. LAND & WATER**

- Streamside Buffer at West Third Street
  - Council gave direction to pursue a pedestrian bridge and will consider environmental options once there is a plan. The Commonwealth of PA said we need to spend money as soon as possible.
  - Stream restoration needs to be discussed with residents and the Borough, County and Swim club need to agree.
  - The structure can no longer be called a dam; however, the sediment needs to be removed so it is not designated as a dam.
- Mosquito Spray Drift Update
  - Walt gave background on the issue that was discussed at previous EAC meetings.
  - Three prong approach to the issue
    - 1 - Education blitz (social media, newsletter, website). Suggestion to include testimonials from people using the dunks and the public health risks in the educational literature.
    - 2- Legal – There seems to be few avenues because of the state preemption but still exploring zoning changes. Linda Colston will be holding a workshop to brainstorm. Marion met with Senator Kearney and he was very interested in the issue. PA Representative Jen O'Mara is also exploring ways to eliminate the pre-emption.
    - 3 – Make dunks available to residents.
  - Borough Council said the EAC should budget for a brochure in 2024 and launch a heavy social media campaign.
- Lighting ordinance – David still trying to get a meeting scheduled.
- Bird Town Pennsylvania
  - Kelsey Stanton Murphy, Julie Smith and Walt are the committee so far, with Kelsey as chair.
  - They are recruiting more people to join – there will be a piece in next month's newsletter to call for members and also promotion at the Glen Providence bird walks.
  - Council will need to pass a resolution once the team is ready.

### **IV. ZERO WASTE**

- Recycling Facility Tour Report – the tour was reported in the newsletter and posted on social media.

- Plastic Bag Ordinance Enforcement
  - Being enforced but some businesses are still not in compliance.
  - Lori Devlin continues to talk with the businesses and fines will begin to be assessed.
- Three-year plan–
  - “Sustainable storefronts” - taking advantage of possible grants.
  - Composting – increase participation across the community including expanding bucket distribution to residents and expanding compost program to apartment and HOA’s. This would require once-a-week trash pick-up rather than twice-a-week, in order to accommodate additional compost pick up.
  - Expand waste reduction ordinances to include styrofoam.
  - We need to look across all working groups and set priorities by year for the EAC.
- David – The County is holding zero waste events at Rose Tree Park. They are working on a model so parks will know what to do. Once it is complete, we will look to see how we can work together with the county on it.
- Erica will reach out to MAC about a zero waste event next year which will include artists whose focus is zero waste.
- Other Zero Waste Updates-
  - State Street bins are overflowing especially around Plum Street Mall. Should businesses provide additional trash bins?
  - It appears that the recycling bins are contaminated by trash. Karen is going to reach out to West Chester and see how they handle the commingling.

## **V. TRANSPORTATION**

- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Update
  - Met with Mike Green and he is looking at potential places for charging stations including the lot on Orange Street and Baltimore Pike. He is also researching the costs.
  - The Borough is waiting for the EAC to send our recommendations. That is the next step for the grant.
- Day without a car – It’s not going to happen this year, the team needs to narrow down the scope. The team is working with MBA on incentives. Joy Washington is working on determining if Media businesses will give discounts to patrons if they show a SEPTA pass.
- Exploring whether Zip Cars would want to come to Media? Their service did include Media at one time.

## **VI. ENERGY**

- Community Choice Aggregation Update
  - MOU approval on agenda for Thursday Council meeting. They may come back to the EAC with more questions.
- Light Pollution Ordinance – no update this month. David is scheduling a meeting.

## **VII. EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

- EAC Pages on Borough Website Updated
- EcoFest, Heritage Park, September 9 – 10 to 2
  - TTGM, Bee City and Zero Waste event with information tables for EAC, CRC, Friends of Glen Providence Park, among others.
  - Family friendly with games.
  - On the same day, The Rotary has a multicultural food and music festival on Veteran’s Square from 12 to 6. We need to encourage people to attend both events.
  - Mark mentioned the Borough will have a consolidated calendar, so events are better coordinated.
- EAC Fall Gathering, West Chester University, October 21 –
  - They are looking for topics for roundtable or lightning round discussions. It’s a good opportunity to hear about what other EAC’s are doing.
  - Potential ideas for roundtables are rebuilding urban ecosystems including moving away from a car culture, Zero Waste including PFAS and the role of Green Chemistry, and composting and paved surfaces and stormwater.

**The Next Meeting Will Be Held on September 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM**