



LEESBURG ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

TUESDAY
October 2, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Town Hall
Second Floor Conference
25 West Market Street

COMMISSIONERS

Maria Bergheim (20)
Scott Billigmeier (18)
Bobbi Elliott (18)
Charles Greenough, Chairman (18)
Bettina Guerre (18)
Kari Nancy (20)
Vacant (20)

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Mission: To promote and protect the environmental interests of the Town.

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

7:00 P.M. Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2018*
4. Chairperson's Statement
5. Committee Member Comments
6. Petitioners
7. Staff items (30 Minutes)
 - a. Addition of Phosphates to Water (Chambers)
 - b. Update on Herbicide Alternatives (Klusek)
 - c. Environmental Portal Update (Klusek)
 - d. Energy Savings Initiative for Town Government (Klusek)
8. Old Business (60 Minutes)
 - a. Water Quality (Elliott)
 - b. EV Charging/Solar (Billigmeier/Greenough)
 - c. Tree Ordinance (Greenough)
 - d. EAC Portal Update (Billigmeier)
 - e. EAC Strategy Session (Greenough)
 - f. EAC Budget (Greenough)
9. New Business (5 Minutes)
 - a. Coyote Assistance*
10. Adjournment

(*) Material attached



**Town of Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2018**

The Town of Leesburg's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) met on August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 25 West Market St., Leesburg, Virginia.

Call to Order: Chairman Greenough called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Bergheim, Billigmeier, Elliott, Greenough, Nancy
Teleconference: Guerre
Staff Representatives: Richard Klusek, Charlie Mumaw
Absent: Burton

Approval of Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda was approved (6-0-1 Burton Absent)

Approval of Minutes: A motion to adopt the meeting minutes of June 5, 2018 was approved (6-0-1, Burton Absent).

Chairman's Statement: The Chairman welcomed all in attendance.

Commissioners Comments: None

Petitioners: Nick Wray spoke to the EAC about how environmental policy was set. He noted that policy was set by the Town and the County and that more needed to be done to increase awareness about environmental issues. He noted that use of fertilizer was prohibited in the UK and there is limited information available about recycling. Commissioners engaged in a dialogue with Mr. Wray about the politics and funding associated with environmental issues.

Commissioner Guerre noted that she was disappointed about the once a week trash pickup and several commissioners offered comments about their views on service change. Courtney Wray said she viewed the once a week pickup as a positive since it reduced energy usage. Minu Beijan said she felt the large trash cans encouraged consumerism and more waste.

Staff Items:

- a. **West Market Triangle:** Mr. Klusek and Mr. Mumaw provided an update on the West Market Triangle. Mr. Klusek noted that funding was transferred and that plantings would be installed as part of the keep Leesburg Beautiful Program. Mr. Mumaw noted that the Town was currently working with VDOT who was requesting a right-of-way permit.
- b. **Keep Leesburg Beautiful:** Mr. Klusek reminded the EAC that they would be taking over planning for planning of Keep Leesburg Beautiful events. Mr. Mumaw described past activities which included distribution of bags, gloves, and supplies to collect trash and hold challenges, publicity efforts, the inlet marking program, and distribution of seed packets.

Several commissioners offered additional ideas for future discussion which included:

- Adopt an inlet program where inlets can be sponsored by HOAs or businesses
 - Establishing butterfly way stations
 - Installing plantings near inlets to reduce pollutants entering water
 - Turning the event into a year round activity with monthly themes
 - Using rising college students that need volunteer hours
 - Using groups like boy scouts and girl scouts
 - Using departs like police to help with activities
 - Holding events at elementary schools
 - Having challenges at schools (i.e. recycling challenge)
 - Make art from recycling
- c. Weatherization Program: Mr. Klusek provided an information item to the EAC to let them know that the Town would be publicizing information about weatherization programs and funding available to seniors and other qualifying people.

Old Business:

- a. Energy Savings Initiative for Town Government – Mr. Klusek reported that Commissioner Greenough provided a cover memo to be used for a Town Council report and that the report will be circulated to department directors for comment prior to the item being forward to council.
- b. EV Charging/Solar: Commissioner Billigmeier shared preliminary research regarding solar power and EV charging. He noted that installation costs for EV chargers appeared cost prohibitive. Regarding solar, he noted that using existing structure appeared most feasible. Commissioner Greenough added that his research and conversations with Joe Sanchez showed that the structure/weight of a solar canopy on the Town Garage may pose engineering challenges. The commission asked Mr. Klusek if he could obtain additional information about garage and town hall energy needs to determine how much solar power was needed. The Commission asked Mr. Klusek to inquire about the possibility of the Town issuing a Request for Information (RFI) regarding Solar Power.
- c. Tree Ordinance – No new information discussed
- d. EAC Portal - Commissioner Billigmeier described progress he made on the EAC portal. The Commission asked Mr. Klusek to add the new information to the EAC portal and circulate it to the full EAC for comment.
- e. Strategy Session – The EAC discussed the possibility of holding a strategy session to set priorities for the coming year. Commissioner Greenough will circulate potential dated for the strategy session.

New Business:

- a. EAC Budget – The EAC briefly discussed this year’s budget. The EAC will discuss use of the budget at future meetings.
- b. COPA Presentation – Commission on Public Art commissioner Minu Beijan discussed recent work on the art master plan. She noted that the EAC should work with COPA and use art as a

means of educating the public about environmental issues or undertaking environmentally beneficial projects like green walls.

- c. Water Quality – Commissioner Elliott discussed water quality and noted that water quality issues were her passion. She expressed concerns about how water quality and safety was discussed in newspapers and the Town’s water quality report. She said that additional things needed to be tested and that Chromium 6 was found in water but not reported. Commissioner Elliott will provide additional information to the EAC at the next meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Richard Klusek

From: Bargas, Lauren <lbargas@ifaw.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:41 AM
To: EAC
Subject: Coyote Assistance

Dear Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission,

My name is Lauren Bargas and I am with the International Fund for Animal Welfare in Washington, D.C. This organization has a focus on coyote coexistence with humans and pets in Loudoun County. I am reaching out to you today to see how our organization can assist communities in Virginia with the growing coyote population in urban areas. We can assist with promoting coyote education, helping to reduce unnecessary killings of pets, and to reduce potential coyote conflicts with humans.

This Environmental Advisory Commission has done great work with the town of Leesburg and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how IFAW may assist Leesburg with this matter.

I appreciate your time and I look forward to hearing from the Commission soon.

Best,
Lauren Bargas

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