

EAC Meeting Minutes
10.23.18

Attendees

Members: Elizabeth Jenkins (Chair), Annie Fox, James Verdi, Corey Ullman, Matt McCabe, Claudia Cueto

Associate Members: Phil Coleman, Allen Prindle, Susan Kelly, Jen Pfluger, Nancy English

EAC Housekeeping

- Meeting minutes for July and September were approved
- EAC will be tabling at the Farmer's Market on 11/10
 - 9:30-11:30AM: PennState Extension composting expert
 - 11:30-1:30PM: EAC volunteers (Jen, Elizabeth, and James) and friends of the EAC (maybe Colin) will share information about mosquito and tick prevention
 - 1 pagers, binders of more detailed information, show and tell (tick tubes, mosquito dunks, etc)
- November Meeting will be at Houseplant Hospital. Potluck/Holiday Meeting
- December Meeting will be cancelled

Discussion on Climate Change

- PA Cap and Trade Proposal: Goal is to reduce carbon emissions by putting a price on emissions. Each year would continue to reduce required amount until you reach zero by 2052. Robert McKinstry Jr. (former lawyer from Ballard and Spahr) has written a 200+ page regulation for the EQB. Wouldn't require legislature's approval because seeking to bring under the auspice of the Environmental Rights Amendment in the PA Constitution. Seeking municipalities to sign on to petition. Not signatories but cap and trade generally supported by Exelon and some industry.
 - Discussed answers to questions brought up during our previous discussion on this topic earlier in the year.
 - Majority of the EAC Membership voted to recommend that Borough Council sign on to the petition. Matt dissented on the grounds that the current plan did not have a concrete recommendation or plan to address how low income families would manage the price increases that this program would cause.
 - Elizabeth to contact Lauren to ask about next steps. EAC would also like to ask Robert McKinstry to speak to Borough Council. Current deadline for signatures is end of Nov.
 - Feedback for Robert: Provide more specifics regarding recommendations for lawmakers/municipalities to address the needs of low income families. Consider how to connect this program with RGGI and other regional carbon reduction initiatives, in order to broaden impact further.

- Most Recent IPCC Report: Urgency is required to keep warming at 1.5 degrees C vs. 2 degrees C. 2 degrees C = 10 million more climate refugees, complete loss of coral reefs. Impacts of 1.5 degrees C are bad, 2 are worse.
 - How to make people aware of the report? Letter to the Editor of the DelCo Times? Swarthmorean? Town Talk?
 - Corey and Elizabeth to work on
 - Host an event and invite the press.
 - Phil volunteered to do his home energy reduction presentation for the general public. Pencil in for Jan./Feb. once the holiday rush settles down. Advertise at Inconvenient Truth talk planned for early part of next year (too much to do both at the same time).
 - Talk to Borough about efficiency at Borough Hall.

AFewSteps Update

- Walking School Bus Initiative for SRS still moving forward. Meeting with the School Board on Nov. 14th.

Multi-Municipal EAC Group

- Will meet to discuss mosquito and pesticide control on Nov. 28th at 7PM.