

EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:30 PM

Attendees: Christi Marshall, Kennan Flanagan, Peg Friese, Mary Krueger, Kimberly Schaffer, Tony Natale, Barbara Emery (Board Liaison), Reese Corso (Youth Advisor)

Guest: Dan Truitt

Absent: Christine McCormick, Natalie Golden (Youth Advisor)

1. Call to Order 6:30 PM by Christi Marshall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Flanagan.
3. Moment of Silence was led by Ken Flanagan.
4. No one was recording the meeting.
5. Chair's report was led by Christi Marshall.
 - EGT Community Day is scheduled for June 29, 2024. ESAC has had a table in the past alongside a PECO table. There is room for three tables under a tent. ESAC table has focused on adults and kids and has an ESAC sign although it says SAC. Possible activities include Handing out mosquito dunks (Don't eat caution) and having a sign with a QR code for ESAC. Need to have some ESAC promotional materials. Discussion focused on possible activities including information on disposing unwanted items, e.g., electronics. Mary Krueger will investigate a poster for scrap metal. Mary also discussed having a poster focused on Reuse, Recycle and Repurpose. Possible kids' activities were discussed.
2. Secretary Minutes Report. Tony Natale made a motion to approve the minutes that were previously provided covering the meeting of April 22, 2024. Two corrections were requested including the spelling of Peg Friese's name and the rejection letter for native plants grant. With these changes the Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Barbara Emery reported that the Board of Supervisors met and there was nothing to report that impacted ESAC. She also described her experience in doing a ride-along with a police officer and her learnings from it.
4. Staff report-none.
5. Treasurer's Report. Mary Krueger provided information that no money was spent during the past month.
6. Committee Reports:
 - Media Committee: Mary Krueger indicated that there were about 500 engagements on social media.
 - Native Landscape: Peg Friese identified that the garden was planted, and mulch applied. Some help will be needed in the future with watering (takes about 15 minutes), and weeding. She has sprayed the plants to repel deer and rabbits, but it washes off and will need to be reapplied. She has gone to look at labels for the plants to identify each species. A sign will need to be created for the garden.
 - Programs: Kim Schaffer led discussions on 2024 programs.
 - i. Christi Marshall has been in contact with antiques appraisers. One has offered to first provide a lecture and follow it with people who would like to sell some antiques

and he will provide an appraisal and purchase. He wanted to do the lecture on June 10. This did not permit adequate time to market the program. It was tabled.

- ii. Christi Marshall asked about interest in the EGT Summer Camp. She and Reese are interested.
 - Communication: Christi Marshall began a discussion of communications. Tony Natale requested time to discuss the most recent communication in the EGT Newsletter. He requested an explanation of why this article was not reviewed by the Communications Committee. He stated that this was unacceptable that a committee was established and then bypassed without discussion. Christi stated that this was due to timing. Tony continued to state that it was unacceptable, and that the committee should have been consulted.
6. Christi Marshall led a discussion on communicating the approved letter regarding the resolution that was passed by the Board of Supervisors on single use plastic bags, straws, and Styrofoam containers. Peg indicated that the businesses that she went to really do not use plastic bags, straws, or Styrofoam. The remaining businesses are CVS, Giant, and WAWA. Christi would like to meet with the managers of these firms and bring a non-ESAC member with her to CVS. Ken Flanagan voiced his objection and concern with bringing her suggested individual and he had volunteered to go himself. Ken had a suggested approach based on his experience that he felt would be better received.
7. Kim Schaffer discussed the possible purchase of ESAC shirts. No consensus could be reached on the style of shirt. We can move ahead with an alternate plan to obtain name tags/badges and lanyards that identify members of ESAC when dealing with the public. Kim will discuss the use of the EGT logo and vendors with Derek Davis.
8. Barbara Emery will check with Derek Davis regarding the use of Zoom for Council and Committee meetings.
9. Tony Natale made a motion to create a new committee, Clean Energy. The motion was seconded by Peg Friese and passed unanimously.
10. Adjourned Meeting: Tony Natale made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM and passed unanimously.