

# Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**HEC members:** Thaddeus Waterman, James Ball, Rayya Newman, Melissa Schweisguth, James Wigley, Dawn Taft (staff)

**Guests:** Three residents and two county staff (Anurse Nair and Connor Klein)

## Notes

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation.
2. Approval of [November Meeting Minutes](#): APPROVED
3. Public Comment Period (Comments limited to 3 minutes per person)
  - a. public question about whether neighbor needs to remove bamboo that insurance co says is a fire hazard
4. HEC Elections
  - a. Chair: Melissa Schweisguth
  - b. Co-chair: Rayya Newman
  - c. Secretary: Thaddeus Waterman
1. [HEC 2025 Meeting Calendar Review](#)
  - a. Approved with Nov 11 meeting moved to Nov 4
2. Bottle Bill Letter of Support Discussion
  - a. Melissa will circulate a draft to be voted on in January 2025. The letter will ask the Council to direct staff to write a letter in support of the bill and send it to relevant MDGA members.
3. PAMC: Climate Action Plan
  - a. Two county planning staff presented: Anurse Nair and Connor Klein
  - b. They provided an overview of what CAP development involves
  - c. Discussion/Questions
    - i. Forming a climate action committee: Was not able to form a committee in Brentwood but this is ideal
    - ii. Priya noted that City already passed a resolution in support and is preparing application
    - iii. Priya noted she would like HEC to comment on application then submit to the county program staff
    - iv. Other discussion about public engagement, identifying recommended practices.
5. New Business

- a. Rayya is holding another “Creative Thinking for Homeowners” green home workshop on January 17 from 11-2 at the HVL Library. FREE. Lunch and coffee provided.
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment