

Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Open to the Public -- Zoom Webinar Meeting

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Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation
2. Approval of meeting minutes
3. Chevy Chase Ban on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (DS)
4. Reports on coordination opportunities with other city advisory committees (All)
 - a. Race & Equity Taskforce
5. HEC proposal planning for CY21 (TG)
6. Announcements or Notices
7. Adjournment

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Hyattsville Environment Committee

June 23, 2020

Attendance:

Theresa Goedeke, Chair
Jim Groves, Secretary
Jared Messinger
Eli Webster
John Fisher
Janet Nackoney
Armando Gaetaniello
Danny Schaible, City Council
Ben Simasek, City Council
Dawn Taft, City of Hyattsville DPW
Sally McElrath- observer

- I. Welcome and Introductions and Roll Call
- II. Minutes - Motion to Approve March 10, 2020 Minutes –Nackoney/Gaetaniello - Approved
- III. Chair Goedeke discussed HEC initiatives and activities during COVID 19 pandemic. Asked if everyone was ok with having HEC conduct business over Zoom. Unanimous agreement that it was good.
- IV. Update on Sustainable MD Program Fund – Jim did not have an update but will find out and report back.
- V. Coordination of Route 1 Corridor – Nothing to report due to COVID.
- VI. PGCAP: Discussion of PGCAP was approved through Committee 10-0. That vote gets it out of the Committee and then in front of the Council as a whole.
- VII. Love Your Parks, Hyattville! initiative – Suggested that it is put on hold until a later date when uncertainty related to the pandemic is further resolved.
- VIII. River Clean Up – currently rescheduled for Oct 3 from 9-12pm pending COVID restrictions. However, we will need to wait to see how the fall shapes up relative to the pandemic and social gathering restrictions.
- IX. Magruder Park Informative Panel – Councilperson Simasek spoke about the City's work on name change. Said City Attorney is working on removing racist language from deed and then changing names. Aaron Marcavitch from AWS said they could put some money towards an "interpretive panel" which describes

the social, natural, and physical history of the park. They have grants to pay for a portion of the panels. City/Committee would have to provide the language/photos. Would probably require some funding from the City. Ben thinks that we wait until the name change situation goes through before making this an action item.

- X. SMART Municipal Waste Collection Study – City was able to get SMART into the study. Contractor “SES” has experience doing assessments and studies doing this kind of work. City needs to be proactive in letting them know what we will need from this study. Councilperson Schaible put together questions that got more metrics (how much greenhouse gasses, how would it impact the property tax and what that means to pay less for trash). They asked for a lot more detail in the scope of work. This increased the cost by 5 times! Decided to go back to the original scope of work which will provide some good information. Expects info to be out in about three months. Will bring to HEC for review as well as public discussions. SMART stands for Save Money And Reduce Trash is the name. Discussion on SMART ensued about how to include multifamily residences.
- XI. Hyattsville grant for solar panels at DPW building – City got grant for \$50K for solar panels. Building should be done in October with panels going up in spring. Study showed that they would generate enough energy to cover the old building. New building is bigger so it might not cover it all, but it should be close. Just PV solar and would produce about 100 to 130 kWh of generation per year should be generated.
- XII. Award for Tree Planting – City got a grant for \$60k for stormwater education and tree planting. City Admin wanted HEC and Tree Board support for this award. First workshop will be in November and then roll everything out next year. Will plant 150 trees in right of way, 43 trees on private property. Will be asking residents who get these trees to report out on how the trees do (When do they leaf? When do leaves fall?); the information gathered will be used to determine the future of the trees in Hyattsville. It may be possible to connect this kind of a citizen science effort in HVL with phenology studies conducted by other organizations, such as the National Park Service, for a broader understanding of HVL’s context in the landscape as the climate changes. HVL will also sponsor 10 master watershed stewards as a part of this grant, who will do a project or behavioral study that has to do with stormwater education. City will be doing 4 or 5 workshops (in both English and Spanish).
- XIII. Committee Reports – None.
- XIV. Guest Announcements/General Announcements – None at this time.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned