

Committee on the Environment

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Agenda — Nov 2019

Monday, Nov 4, 2019 7:15pm-9:00pm, Takoma Park Community Center – Hydrangea Room
12 members – quorum at 6

John Ackerly
Denis Borum
Jeffrey Brokaw
Sharon Cohen
Colleen Cordes

Michael Feldman-Wiencek
Hellen Gelband-NOTES
Seth Grimes
Kopal Jha

Kirsten Stade-TIMEKEEPER
Elizabeth Thompson-CONVENOR
Gina Matthias—Sustainability manager

Item	Notes
Preliminaries: 7:15 – 7:25	Roll call, review of Sept. minutes, review of agenda. Member updates: Drew.
Public Comments: 7:25 – 7:30	Note that Peter James from Crystal Clear Automation, aka Turfroboots.us plans to send us a brief on what he'd like to present to the committee, for scheduling at a later meeting. Thanks Hellen for connecting with him.
2019 Sustainability and Climate Action Plan: 7:30 – 7:50 (Gina Matthias)	Scope of Cadmus's work and the City's plan Community outreach: 1) The roll-out of the new green certification program that Gina wants to launch early this winter for starting the implementation of some of the priority ghg reduction strategies, and 2) As the Cadmus plan is leveraged into a larger picture with other related pieces. Presentation to Council is November 18.
Urban Forest Subcommittee: 7:50 – 8:00 (Jeff Brokaw)	Thanks to Jeff + all for carrying through on the goals. New developments? Note that the City is presenting a seminar on oaks tonight in response to the urgent die-off issues in our area.
Small Cell Towers: 8:00 – 8:10	Thanks Colleen and Hellen for creating the response from the CoE and everyone for voting quickly.
2020 Priority-Setting: 8:10 – 8:30	Review last year's priority document.
Housing Strategic Plan: 8:30 – 8:45	The CoE may want to engage regarding rules for energy efficiency in new construction. Tree and stormwater issues are included by reference to climate resiliency. See Strategy C – "Encourage and support improvements for energy efficiency as a way to keep multifamily housing stock affordable, taking into account the recommendations of the City's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan." and Strategy F – "New construction and redevelopment should be built with climate change in mind, taking into account the recommendations of the City's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan; that is, minimizing greenhouse gases, emphasizing energy efficiency and being able to minimize or withstand flooding; seek changes to County zoning text, building codes or other requirements to help facilitate these concepts." https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/Housing-Econ-Dev-Strategic-Plan/20191016-Strategic%20Plan%20Final%20Draft.pdf
CoE Listserv: 8:45 – 8:50 (Gina, Seth)	We are moving from yahoo to groups.io We expect our email archive to transfer. When we move, everyone will get an email announcement.
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Next Meeting: Monday, December 2, Hydrangea Room

OCTOBER ACTION ITEMS

- Mr. James agreed to send us a brief on what he'd like to present to the committee, for scheduling at a later meeting.
- John to contact Gina for next steps and timeline for Cadmus, and for survey results.
- Jeff will send a revision based on current comments and input from this meeting, on the 14th. We'll then vote by doodle poll on presenting the document to Council.
- Send comments to Colleen on proposed small cell tower response by the end of this week (October 11). The committee will revise the response and send it back out to the committee the week of October 14.
- Include small cell tower discussion in November CoE meeting agenda.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POINTS OF CONTACT

- Education & Outreach: Kirsten & Seth
- Energy: John, Elizabeth, Michael & Seth
- Library: John & Elizabeth
- Urban Forest: Jeffrey, Sharon
- Zero Waste: Kirsten & Seth