

Committee on the Environment
City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Minutes - August 2019

Monday, August 5, 2019

7:15pm-8:45pm, Takoma Park Community Center – **Azalea** Room

14 members – quorum at 7

Denis Borum

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey Brokaw	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth Grimes	X
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Drew Siltan

<input type="checkbox"/>	John Ackerly	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth Maughan	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Elizabeth Thompson

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kirsten Stade	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Cohen	X
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Geoffrey Short

<input type="checkbox"/>	Kopal Jha	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Hellen Gelband

<input type="checkbox"/>	Riaz Mohammed		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	Gina Mathias -Sust Mgr	X
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Agenda Item	Min--end	Action Needed / Back-up Materials
Preliminaries:	10m–7:25	We initially only had 5 members, so no quorum. Sharon was timekeeper; John was note taker; Elizabeth chaired meeting.
Public Comment	5m–7:30	Tina Murray from the Tree Commission and Elizabeth Kleemeier attended and address the tree canopy process. Micahel Feldman was also present and a reporter from the MoCo Sentinel (?).
Department update: (Gina)	15m–7:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gina reviewed the timeline for the Cadmus process, starting with a webinar on Monday, Aug. 12, which she sent notice about. Webinar is on GHG inventory trends in TP. Sept. 17 there will be a public workshop at City Hall at 7:00 PM. Cadmus plan scheduled to be done in November. Action item: Gina asked who in COE could set up a living room meeting for 10- 20 people. John Ackerly and Sharon Cohen offered. John will coordinate & potentially co-host with Elizabeth & SJ, in same neighborhood. Seth will provide core role for the COE will be helping set up stakeholder meetings for Gina in living rooms, churches, or wherever. MoCo kicked off their carbon reduction process, in reverse order from TP. They are running focus groups thru Jan. and then may also hire Cadmus or ICF. They plan to finalize in late 2020 or early 2021. Seth said he and others will speak up about slow process and lack of urgency. Gina asked if some of us wanted to provide input on library construction. Elizabeth, Michael Feldman and JA offered. Seth - wanted to make sure library demolition needs to be recycled. Gina asked COE if we could help define “net zero” and read definitions from Somerville and Cambridge, MA. Big issue we discussed is what % of goal can simply be bought

