

# Committee on the Environment

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

# Agenda — Dec 2019

**Monday, Dec 2, 2019** 7:15pm-9:00pm, Takoma Park Community Center – Hydrangea Room  
11 members

John Ackerly  
Denis Borum  
Jeffrey Brokaw  
Sharon Cohen  
Colleen Cordes

Michael Feldman-Wiencek  
Hellen Gelband  
Seth Grimes  
Kopal Jha  
Kirsten Stade

Elizabeth Thompson  
Gina Matthias—Sustainability manager

Item	Notes
Preliminaries: 7:15 – 7:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve November 2019 minutes (see CommEnv_Nov_2019_Notes.doc).</li> <li>Review and approve agenda.</li> <li>2 candidates are available for appointment</li> </ul>
Public Comments: 7:25 – 7:30	
2019 Sustainability and Climate Action Plan: 7:30 – 7:50 (Gina Matthias)	<p><b>UPDATE from MoCO's EFFORTS</b> What can we move forward together?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mo Co Buildings - When do they decide on the SF requirements for energy reductions? Could a residential energy assessment be included? How can TKPK push MoCo Exec. forward?</li> <li>Community Choice Energy - TKPK Mobilization is sending a letter asking that the county prioritize this with the state. Could the CoE sign on?</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW TKPK GREEN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM</b> CoE members to provide comments on green certification draft, via editing directly in shared file.</p> <p><b>WORKING GROUP ON WASTE</b> Gina will send a notice to CoE members.</p> <p><b>COLLABORATION WITH OTHER TKPK GROUPS</b> See list below. Consider inviting members to our meeting/ attending theirs.</p>
DRAFT Criteria to Evaluate GHG Reductions Goals and Projects: 7:50 - 8:00	Please feel free to comment on the <a href="#">proposed metrics for evaluating GHG reductions strategies</a> in the document directly. Discussion welcome at the meeting too.
2020 Priorities: 8:00 - 8:10	The changes that we agreed upon at the last meeting have been incorporated into the <a href="#">2020 Priorities doc.</a> (See the meeting notes, 11/7/2019, attached.)
2020 Budget Recommendations: 8:10 – 8:20	DRAFT for discussion: Propose \$100k for consultants and/or staff to support Glna's and urban forestry work, with the goals of developing and implementing first steps to get TKPK to net zero by 2035, with drafts for specific action tasks, timelines, and metrics.
Urban Forest Subcommittee: 8:20 – 8:35 (Jeff Brokaw)	Jeff and the tree subcommittee will share an update on budget and species recommendations.
City Parking Committee: 8:35 – 8:40	Does someone want to volunteer?
Small Cell Towers: 8:40 – 8:45	Colleen won't make it tonight. Elizabeth is checking with the City on a few action items that Colleen mentioned as next steps. We may keep this on the back burner for this meeting while we await feedback from the City.
Adjourn: 8:45	

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, Hydrangea Room**

**DECEMBER ACTION ITEMS**

- CoE members to provide comments on green certification draft, via editing directly in shared drive.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mo Co?
- Wednesday mornings, 7:30-9 am: TALLE Climate Action discussions at Busboys & Poets

**POINTS OF CONTACT**

- Education and Outreach: Kirsten, Seth
- Energy: John, Elizabeth, Michael, Seth
- Library: John, Elizabeth
- Urban Forest: Jeffrey, Sharon
- Zero Waste: Kirsten, Seth, Hellen
- Cell towers: Colleen, Hellen

**LOCAL TKPK GROUPS**

- Takoma Park Mobilization TALLE – Takoma Alliance for Local Living Economy has started a Wednesday Climate Action Coffee Series at Busboys & Poets, 7:30-9 am. Coffee is free! URL: <http://tpmobilization.org/talle>
- Takoma Park Mobilization: <http://tpmobilization.org/>
- <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/energy/committees-and-partners.html>