



Minutes

IN-PERSON EPC MONTHLY MEETING

May 16, 2022
City Hall, Conference Room 2000
7:30 – 9:30 PM

Attendance

EPC Members (13)		Staff (Partial List)
Michael Bahleda	P	Khoa Tran
Eldon Boes	P	Ellen Eggerton
Edith Cecchini	P	Robert Kerns
Alexander Clark	P	Jeff Farner
Jennifer Debias	P	Richard Lawrence
Cynthia Elliott	P	Guests (Partial List)
Oleksandr Faryga	A	Scott Barstow
Nicole Heckman	P	Mary-Catherine Gibbs (HRP)
Kathie Hoekstra	P	
Michael Olex	P	
Brendan Owens	P	
William Pugh	P	
Marta Schantz	PR	

P: Present; **PR:** Present Remotely; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent – Excused – **N:** Not a member

FY2022 Environmental Policy Commission Attendance Summary															
Member's Name	2021								2022						% Attendance
	30-Aug	20-Sep	25-Sep	18-Oct	20-Oct	15-Nov	13-Dec	24-Jan	28-Feb	21-Mar	18-Apr	16-May	21-May	20-Jun	
Michael Bahleda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			100%
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			100%
Edith Cecchini	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			100%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			100%
Cynthia Elliott	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			100%
Oleksandr Faryga	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	E	P	P	A			80%
Nicole Heckman	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P			100%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			100%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	E	P	P			92%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			100%
Brendan Owens	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			100%
William Pugh	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			92%
Marta Schantz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			100%

1. Public Comments:

None.

2. Meeting Minutes

The following changes to the draft April 18 minutes were approved by the commission: 1) Hilco verbally agreed to abide by the Old Town North carbon neutrality goals; and 2) the CNA study had been completed but was not shared with the EPC before the presentation. Thus, the April 18 draft minutes will be voted on at the June 27 meeting.

3. Committee Reports

Bill Pugh reported the addition of sustainability/climate resilience criteria in the regional transportation planning process. Bill also announced his resignation from the EPC and Transportation Commission and Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Committee.

Nicole Heckman reported that a ~\$400,000 payout has been made by the City to-date to house improvement projects as part of the flooding prevention program.

Mike Bahleda reported that Hilco held a community meeting on May 12, and will hold a site tour on June 10. Council meeting regarding PRGS site redevelopment is scheduled for July 5.

Kathie announced the procedures for EPC elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the FY2023 to be held at the June 27 meeting. The deadline for submission of nominations was set to be May 30.

4. EPC Discussion on the Letter to Planning Commission re PRGS Redevelopment

Major discussion point centered around the proposed change from 3% on-site renewable energy to 100%. Some members felt that it was an impossible/ unrealistic request from the EPC. At the end, 9 members voted for the draft letter with a change to net-zero energy vs. 100% for on-site renewable energy goal with three abstentions.

Shortly after the end of the EPC discussion on this topic, the video recording was inadvertently stopped at around 9:10 PM.

5. EPC Annual Retreat Agenda

It was decided to exclude the stormwater presentation from the final agenda since it is more tactical and not a strategic issue.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM and the next meeting will be held on June 27.