

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday , May 6, 2021

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

WebEx Meeting number (access code): 132 570 0088 Meeting password: **Environment2021**

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7:00	1. Convene , Welcome, Introductions 2. Agenda Review ; Approval of prior meeting summary	Chair Clark Reed
7:05	3. Community Forum	Guests
7:10	4. Mayor and Council Report	Hon. Ashton
7:20	5. Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Awards and Pesticide Law at April 26th Mayor and Council meeting. - Solar Co-op outreach planning - Solar Co-op magnet design 	Chair Reed
7:35	6. Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee - Watersheds Committee - Proposal for Citizen Science salt monitoring. 	Clark Reed Pavitra Srinivasan Ted Stauderman
8:05	7. Rockville 2040 Master Plan Commissioners discuss feedback on the 2040 Master Plan.	All
8:15	8. Sustainable Maryland Recertification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members discuss drafting descriptions and narratives for the re-certification application due in June. - Proposed milestones: draft narratives completed by May 15; attachments uploaded by June 1; staff finalizing by June 15. 	All
8:45	9. Staff Report Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Pepco Rebates</u> - The city applied for a Pepco rebate to offset \$13,240 of energy efficient lighting upgrade costs at the Dogwood Park. - <u>City Hall Lighting Grant Application</u> - The city was awarded up to \$35,000 from MEA to upgrade City Hall lighting. Staff is working on budget approval and next steps. - <u>Climate Action Plan</u> - Progress is being made on the Climate Action Plan in preparation for an August 2 briefing to the Mayor and Council. - <u>Intern</u> -- The city is in the process of reviewing applications for an intern to assist with the Climate Action Plan, Sustainable Maryland, and other projects. - <u>City Hall Energy Building Tune-Up</u> - The city met with the consultant and initiated the project application process. 	

- Fleet Technical Assistance - Staff is developing a proposal for a near-term replacement plan for an initial set of a few dozen vehicles. A new city fleet manager will be hired soon.
- Solar and Microgrid Technical Assistance - The city received Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)'s award agreement letter March 19 and it is awaiting the city manager's signature pending internal discussions.
- EV charging stations - The city and Pepco are analyzing additional potential charger locations including several on-street locations and may be able to bring stations for Mayor and Council approval by summer.
- Streetlights - The city is planning to submit comments on the proposed Pepco-owned streetlight LED conversion plan contingent upon Mayor and Council approval May 3.
- Metro Station Study - WMATA is conducting a study of the Rockville metro stations and is seeking input. Next visioning meeting is May 13, 6-7pm on zoom.

Outreach Campaigns and Events

- Solar and EV charger Co-op 2021 launched April 1. Eight Rockville sign-ups so far!
- Rockville Solar Co-op Info Session May 13, 6:30-8pm.
- [Saving Nature Now](#) children's activity booklets available through Croydon Creek Nature Center.

The Mayor and Council

- Additional 2040 Comprehensive Master Plan hearing scheduled for June 14.
- August 2: Montgomery County's proposed Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) and Rockville Climate Action Plan briefings.
- The Environment Commission will hear a presentation on the BEPS at June meeting.

8:55	10. New Business	Chair Reed, All
9:00	11. Next meeting date and Adjourn	Chair Reed

General information

The next Commission meeting will be June 1. The public is invited to attend (virtually). Link will be available on meeting agenda. For meeting materials: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter/Environment-Commission-8>