

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, D.O., Chair
Zoë Warner, Ph.D., Secretary
Tiffany Brouillet
Brendan Phillips

ABSENT:

Brian Walker, Vice-Chair
Joanne Zhou

1. CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes from February 24, 2022.

New Business

1. Administrative Business

The EAC will create an EAC Initiative Log to track current activity and actions to taken on those initiatives. The log will be sent to EAC members prior to each meeting.

2. Budget Requests

The EAC has been allotted \$1000 for FY2022. The budget will be built based on projects that require funding throughout the year.

3. Applicant EAC Vacancy

Christine Hafer applied for the vacancy. She attended the meeting and was interviewed by the committee.

Old Business

1. ARPA Grant Funding

Brendan reported the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force would like a formal vote from the EAC on which project(s) they would like funded through this funding source.

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany and carried by a vote of 4-0 to request the MBC consider using ARPA grant money or find other grant funding for sustainability projects in the Borough, such as installing solar panels on Borough-owned buildings, installing EV charging stations, remediating stormwater problems along King Street to benefit Malvern businesses, remediating stream erosion that impacts the roadway on Warren Avenue, upgrading to LED lights for holiday displays, reducing trash through curbside composting, and installing recycling bins in Borough parks.

2. Joint Committee Creation

Corinne Badman will be in charge of making connections among various Borough committees to determine where there is overlap.

3. Solar Panels

Corinne will investigate whether other municipalities have installed solar panels. Mark King recommended Solar States from Philadelphia for a large solar panel installation.

4. EV Charging Station

EAC members discussed the benefits of installing charging station in the Borough, which could bring more visitors into the town that would support Malvern businesses.

5. Rain Garden Development

Brendan reported the plans for the proposed pump track include a rain garden for stormwater mitigation.

6. CRC Cleanup

Helise announced there will be a community cleanup sponsored by CRC Watersheds on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 9:00 – 11:30. CRC Watersheds asked for a donation to help support the effort. The deadline has passed, but the Borough could make a donation in support of the many years CRC Watersheds has led these cleanup efforts.

Brendan made a motion, seconded by Zoë Warner to request a \$500 donation from the Malvern Borough to CRC Watersheds in support of their years of cleanup work done in the Borough at Randolph Woods and First Avenue/Quann Park.

7. Community Composting Pilot Program

Tiffany will present a proposal for a pilot program for curbside composting to Borough Council at their April 5, 2022 meeting.

Completed Events

1. Borough Broadcaster

The EAC submitted two articles for the spring newsletter.

Committee reports

1. Social Media

Corinne will be in charge of updating the EAC Facebook page.

2. Borough Updates – nothing to report

3. Borough Council Update - Quarter 1 Report

The EAC will submit a quarterly report to Borough Council to inform the joint committee commission and to keep the MBC abreast of new initiatives.

Public Comment

No comments

Vote on vacancy

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to elect Christine Hafer to fill an open spot on the EAC.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brendan and seconded by Tiffany and carried by a vote of 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner