

Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Participants: Rich Canino (chair), Janet Nackoney, James Ball, Thaddeus Waterman, Dawn Taft (staff), Brielle Welzer, Eduardo Haba (Council)

Guests: LaTeisha Thomson, Max Bachmann, Robert Croslin, Scott Wilson

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation.
2. Moment of silence
3. Approval of [January meeting minutes](#)
4. County Master Plan of 2035 Transportation Plan - next steps (Rich)
 - Website: <https://planpgc2035.org/>
 - No updates as of yet; perhaps in March
5. American Rescue Plan (Rich)
 - Session held by the City last week
 - \$18M to be spent by 2026 (programmed by 2024)
 - Links to pandemic-related impacts and/or public services that can be strengthened
 - Anyone can propose any idea related to helping the community through the pandemic.
 - Patrick Paschall will be collecting suggestions, vetting them to satisfy requirements, then the suggestions will go to City Council
 - Does HEC have any desire to put forward an initiative for this Rescue Plan? Open to all inputs/suggestions as brainstorm.
 - JB: does env seem to be relevant?
 - DT: yes, from a mental health perspective entirely relevant. Tree canopy, public outdoor spaces etc.
 - Last day to provide comments: Feb 25th. Send to ARPA@hyattsville.org
6. State legislative update (Rich)
 - A list of env bills before the MD legislature in [this article](#)
 - TW: Connected to some folks who could come and share some more info on these issues if we are interested. Are there any bills in particular that HEC is most interested in?
 - JB, JN: interested in supporting these
 - RC: could we choose a few to support for next mtg? Check with BS to see if he's connected with any particular bills.

7. Announcements

- Route 1
 - Wed March 16 @ 6:30pm
 - [Register](#)
- Updates from Dawn
 - Green Housekeeping (learn about and make your own green cleaning products): March 23 @ 7pm (City Building), March 28 @ 7pm (Spanish; TBD)
 - Invasives removal 3rd Sat of each month @ Driskell rec center 10-2. Next one this Saturday!
- March agenda item: Ivy removal with Hyattsville Aging in Place
- TW: Connections to [Climate Action Network](#)– could invite them to speak with us sometime. Features an app that curates climate actions and educational resources around climate change

8. Adjournment.